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North Central gives ten years

JJC's accreditation with the North Central Association now extends into the next century. It will be the year 2001/2002 before a team from NCA visits the college to award or withhold the much prized accreditation.

Ten years, the accreditation period was increased to this maximum from seven years following a recent visit and review by an NCA Focus Visit team. This team reviewed areas for improvement noted by an earlier Focus Visit team which recommended a seven-year accreditation period.

Areas of concern cited at that time included communication, morale, collaboration and decision making. "It was our conclusion that the institution has fulfilled and has addressed the major concerns which appeared to be the rationale for the commission's action to retain the seven-year period of time," said a spokesman for the most recent Focus team visitors in announcing the increase.

-Photo by Lark Rains

State of art T Building is a familiar place to JJC students now that classes have been in operation there for half a semester. Technical classes, computer courses, and more are making the building a daily destination for students and faculty.

Student reaction ranges from 'What?' to 'Great!'

What do JJC students think about the college's achieving a ten-year accreditation from the North Central Association?

Most students' first response was "What's that ? " or "I don't know what you're talking about." After they heard an explanation, though, the response became more positive.

"I think that is good because it will attract more people to JJC," commented Mike Blaha, sophomore from Shorewood." It leaves my options open as to what college I want to transfer to."

"I think it's good because I don't want to waste my time here," said Jeremy Pautz, sophomore from Joliet.

"Wow ! That's Grand !" was the reaction from Leah Glanek, Minooka sophomore.

Missy Holden, freshman from Channahon, remarked in regard to the extension of the accreditation period that this was a good development, "because it's going to help the school's reputation."

Stacy Todd, sophomore from Minooka, joined the chorus of praises with an enthusiastic, "That's Good !"

JJC's enhanced reputation resulting from the extending accreditation, "gives me more options," said Mike Allen, freshman from Frankfort, "and opens new horizons when it comes to careers."

'Gotta Be Kidding!'

From T to J in 10 minutes?

10 (X) = A to B when X is a reasonable walking speed, or from J Building, 4th floor to T Building, 2nd floor in ten minutes ? I don't think so.

If you are one of the many students trying to make this time schedule, you will understand the problem: too many people going nowhere.

The first obstacle is the elevator. Then you have to get by the lunch crowd heading for the cafeteria. The bridge is not made to move herds of people at one time. It's a social place.

Then you have to fight oncoming traffic from C Building. These people are heading for the cafeteria, too. They're hungry, not caring about who has to get to T Building in any amount of time.

Braving the cold between the buildings is another obstacle. Other problems are blowing rain, wind-chill factor, and the large group of smokers gathered right outside the door.

When you enter A Building, the lunch crowd is already socializing. You are in a full sprint by now, and they look at you, wondering what the hurry is.

This is a normal run to T Building. How about when we have colleges or businesses set up on the bridge ? How about Mainstreet and the crowd that draws ?

What's the answer ? Perhaps we need a walkway and a foot bridge over the creek, coming out of J Building. Better yet, how about a fully enclosed bridge from second floor, J Building to second floor, T Building ?

For now, when you see people in an all-out sprint heading for T Building, get out of their way. Even though you might need a smoke or a bite to eat, or just a chance to stop and socialize, they are on a mission to prove 10 (X) = A to B when X is a mad dash.

-Photo by Lark Rains

Will they make it? Students hustle across the bridge in an effort to get to classes on time going from T to J.

COMPASS test replaces ASSET

March is the month for COMPASS computerized testing to begin at JJC as a replacement for the ASSET testing with which the current student body is familiar.

COMPASS is believed to have a number of advantages over ASSET, explains Dr. Carolyn Engers, registrar. COMPASS is a power test that permits students to work towards their highest level of ability in the areas of

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English faculty attends meeting

Students had a day off from English classes at JJC March 1 when eight faculty members from the Department of English and Foreign Languages participated in the second annual conference for Will County English teachers held at Lewis University. Theme of the conference was "Literature in the Lives of

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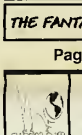

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Blazer Staff Reorganizes

This issue of The Blazer, Volume 67, No. 1, marks the first issue to be produced by the newly reorganized Blazer staff. An Editorial Board made up of journalism and related majors who are currently enrolled in the two spring journalism classes will produce the paper with the advice and assistance of co-sponsors Marion Sorensen and John Stobart of English and Foreign Languages. Responsibilities of the Editorial Board will include planning each issue, participating in the many functions necessary to produce the paper, such as news gathering and writing, editing, proofreading, headline writing, planning page make-up, taking photographs, and more. They will also review material submitted by students not on the Editorial Board but interested in writing for the campus newspaper.

"We welcome and encourage contributions from any student wishing to submit material for publication," Board members stress. "We need student columnists and news feature writers as well as reporters."

Students wishing to submit material may give it to Sorensen in C1065, Stobart in C1069, or any member of the Editorial Board named in the Blazer staff.. Material must be signed.

Staff goals are to produce a paper filled with current, student-focused news that comes out on time according to the following schedule:

Issue No. 1 Deadline for copy, February 23; to printer March 1; distribute March 6.

Issue No. 2 Deadline for copy, March 8; to printer March 15; distribute March 20.

March 24 - 30, Spring Recess; April 5 - 8 Easter break.

Issue No. 3 Copy deadline April 5; to printer April 12; distribute April 17.

Issue No. 4 Copy deadline April 19; to printer April 26; distribute May 1.

In your opinion

What does campus need?

By Stephen Hicks and Shannon Merten

Since no institution is perfect, not even JJC, students were surveyed last week for their ideas about what change or additions to the campus would improve life for members of the JJC community.

Here are some of their answers :

"I feel a bridge from the T Building to the cafeteria would be very convenient. I also feel the food in the cafeteria is extremely overpriced." John Costello, freshman business management major.

"ATM update of computers to WordPerfect 6.0. All computers should be the same." Sherry Neal, part-time student from Romeoville.

Students should be able to access the Internet, America Online and similar services. Also, build an arcade and pool hall somewhere on campus." Scott Schneider, second-year student from Lockport.

I really think that they should build a hallway going from the J Building to the new T Building. As it is now, we have to walk across the main building to get from the J Building to T Building and back." Kenneth J. Leonard, senior from Bolingbrook.

"Give students access to E-Mail and the Internet ! ! !" John Softcheck, graduate student.

"One change I think should be made is the widening of the staircase in the J Building. Too many times do I see people bumping into each other climbing up or down the stairs." Lionel Paramo, sophomore from Joliet.

"I think JJC would improve by strengthening the philosophy that the classroom contains a body of learners with the instructor as leader and director, but everyone's participation and experience is necessary for everyone's learning. Students could better implement knowledge through active communication and participation during class

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? BOX
By Johnny Russler

Spring Break!! A student's excuse for a vacation. What are you doing? Where are you going? Staying home? Check out the spring break responses next issue.

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Do you have class in the T Building? Do you then run to the J Building? Do you like it or hate it? Do you care?

Please state your opinion, sign it, and submit it to Johnny Russler, ? Box, care of *Blazer* Editorial Board, Department of English and Foreign Languages. ? Box will tabulate your replies and let you know where the JJC student body stands in regard to this important (trivial?) question.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR FROM THE JJC COMMUNITY

The *Blazer* invites students, faculty, staff, administrators, and members of the community to submit their opinions and concerns for publication in the Speak Out column of the paper. All letters must be signed, with a phone number included, although names will not be published if so requested. The Editorial Board reserves the right to edit for grammar, style, libel, length, and language. Letters are the views of the author.

Letters may be submitted to The *Blazer* Editorial Board care of Marion Sorensen or John Stobart, Department of English and Foreign Languages, or mailed to Speak Out, The *Blazer*, Joliet Junior College, 1216 Houbolt, Joliet, Illinois 60431.

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MISSION STATEMENT

The JJC *Blazer* exists to inform the student body about campus news and to allow them a voice in campus affairs. Staff writers draw material from both campus oriented issues and events from the outside world that are of relevance and interest to the student body.

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JJC goes Native American

By Sean Aiello

If you've been looking for a place where you can learn about Native American culture and would like to participate in activities based on elements of the culture, then the Native American Club of JJC is for you. The Native American Club is a place where the culture of North American Indians comes to life through guest speakers, craftwork demonstrations, preparations of Native American foods, and attendance at Indian festivals.

The club was founded on campus two years ago by Fred Harris. Harris, director of Media Services, wanted to start an organization where people could get exposed to the Native American culture and be allowed to learn about the reality of it. He also wanted to give people a chance to hear first hand about the modern perspective of Native Americans through the use of guest speakers from the Chicagoland region. Harris says the club's mission is to "promote an increased

CLUB LOGO

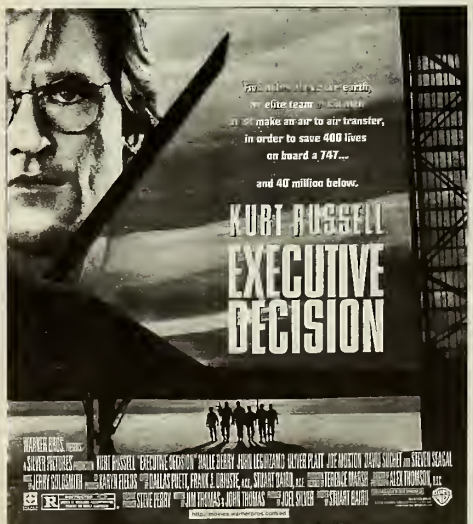
awareness and cultural understanding at Joliet Junior College and the community to the indigenous people of America."

At a club meeting, one might expect to see demonstrations on how to do beadworking and quillworking, prepare authentic Native American foods such as Navajo Fry bread, and hear from guest speakers such as Native American poets and storytellers. Native American poetry reading was held at a recent club meeting and featured poets Ed "Two Rivers" (Djibwa) and Gloria DeVerney (Potawatami) among others. "The thing I try to do is bring in Native American speakers for the meetings so that people get a chance to hear from their side on the issues that are out there today," says Harris. The membership of the club varies, but there are between fifteen and forty members involved now.

Meetings are usually held the second Wednesday of every month during the fall and spring semesters at 6:30 p.m. in the TV studio (J3011). Enrollment at JJC is not required to join. Anyone interested in joining or obtaining information about the club or Native American events in the area can contact Fred Harris at 729-9020, extension 2566. A bulletin board is also posted right outside the Media Services Office in the library that provides information about the club and Native American news items as well..

The club is sponsored by Joliet Junior College under the auspices of the Dean of Student Affairs.

Bobbie Bird, Winnebago tribe, formerly of the Joliet area, dancing at a powwow in Northern Wisconsin.



JJC Gives tenure to four of faculty

Four JJC faculty members have received tenure effective the Fall, 1996, semester. Tenure is awarded by the Board of Trustees after a recommendation from the College Tenure Committee.

Faculty members receiving tenure are Gwendolyn Beam, Nursing instructor; Robert Mustari, Business Education instructor; Cristobal Trillo, English and Foreign Languages; and William Yarrow, English and Foreign Languages.

Eight non-tenured faculty were reappointed for the 1996-97 academic year; tenure is awarded or denied after the third year of full-time teaching. Third-year appointees are Tamara Bratolli, English and Foreign Languages; Laura Conrad, Counseling; Yen Phi (Faye) Dang, Math/CIS, Julie Fenlon, English and Foreign Languages; Frederick Ferrara, Culinary Arts; Joseph Krivicich, Natural Sciences and Physical Education; Bryan Schoneboom, Technical; and Catherine Westphal, Business Education.

Second-year appointees are Robert Brad Angus, Agricultural/Horticultural Sciences; Jessica Skorupa, Counseling; and Mary Wollnik, Nursing; appointees for second semester of the second year are Michael McGreal, Culinary Arts; and Cheryl Upshaw, Technical.

Math contest gets numbers to campus

JJC students will act as proctors, graders, greeters, and tour leaders when math students from fourteen schools in the JJC district are on campus for the Joliet Junior College Invitational Math Contest March 13.

Written and oral portions of the Math Contest, sponsored annually by the Department of Mathematics/Computer Science, will be held in the new Technical Building from 2 to 6 p.m. JJC student guides will give the visiting students tours of the Technical Building as well as other points of interest on the campus.

Six $1,000 tuition and fee scholarships will be awarded to the top three schools in Class AA competitions. The awards ceremony will be held in D Mall at 6 p.m.

FANTASTIC!

Campus musical draws raves, crowds

By Sharline Sisk

For those who have not yet seen JJC's lively spirits-lifting presentation of The Fantasticks, three opportunities are still open.

The Joliet Junior College Fine Arts Department continues its presentation of the popular musical on March 7, 8, and 9 at 8 : 00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theatre in "K" building. Tickets are $5 for the general public, $3 for JJC staff and faculty, senior citizens and non-JJC students, and $1 for JJC students and children under 12. For tickets, call (815) 729-9020, extension 2200.

The Fantasticks is the longest running musical in the history of off-Broadway theater, dating back to the early 1960's. Written by Tom Jones and Harley Schmidt, this romantic, comic fable tells a story of first love and the innocence that we associate with that relationship.

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Blankets, rugs, wall hangings, coats, hats, belts, scarves, dresses and other garments in beautiful colors and designs display the creative skill of area weavers. Joliet and Shorewood residents have the largest number of entries, but a number of other communities within and bordering the JJC community college district are represented, including Frankfort, Lemont, Western Springs, Palos Park and more.

Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. A Gallery reception and Weaving Studio open house was held February 11.

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Think globally, Act Locally . . . Now!!

The Grass Roots Club, located at JJC, actively participates in what is going on concerning the environment, locally as well as globally. Through field experience and guest speakers, students learn first hand what they can do for the Earth. The Ecological Restoration Project, which is a part of the club, is actively involved in restoring the campus' natural areas. During a restoration day, students plant native seeds and cut and clear non-native vegetation.

The next scheduled outing for the project is Saturday, March 14, from 9 - 11 a.m. The next meetings of the Grass Roots Club are Monday, March 18, from 2 - 2:30 p.m., and Tuesday, March 19, from 1:30 - 2:00 p.m. If you are interested in learning more about the Grass Roots Club and/or the Restoration Project, contact Dr. Zales (ext. 2274) or Andy Neill (ext. 2632), Natural Sciences Department, at 815-729-9020.

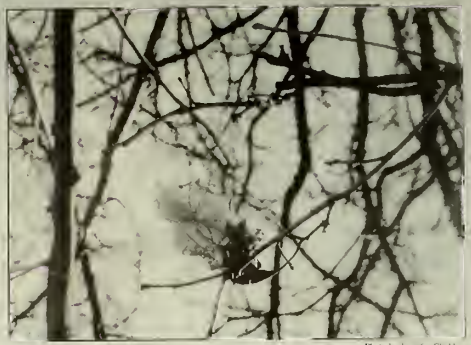

Photo by Jennifer Chubb

Scene from JJC's Nature Preserve, which is filled with plants and trees native to Illinois.

Your chance to make a difference

By Jennifer Chubb

Save the Ancient Forests

A tree which moves some to tears of joy is in the eyes of others a green thing that stands in the way." This quote by William Blake represents the struggle now raging in Congress. Since July 27, 1995, our National Forests have been raped by a "Logging Without Laws" bill. Republican Senator, Slade Gorton of Washington and Republican Representative, Charles Taylor of North Carolina, with financial support from the timber industry, are the pro-logging legislators promoting destruction of forests. In simple terms, what the "Logging Without Laws" bill does is to eliminate all of the environmental laws protecting our National Forests. This leads to a sacrifice of wildlife habitat, damage to rivers and streams, as well as Ancient Forests being clear-cut. It has been estimated that six billion board feet are to be cut under the "Logging Without Laws" bill. Some 1.5 billion of that may fall in the Ancient Forests of which only ten percent still remain standing.

Recognizing the dramatic impacts that "Logging Without Laws" would have on the environment, Democratic Representative Elizabeth Furse of Oregon and Republican Representative Connie Morella of Maryland have introduced H.R 2745. This proposed law, also known as the Restoration of Natural Resources Laws on the Public Lands Act of 1995, has to date 94 members of the House cosponsoring it. A goal set by several environmental agencies is to win the support of the majority of the Members of the House, 218 members. By signing and submitting the letter below, you can play a key role in swaying the opinion of our local Representative, Republican Jerry Weller, who has not been supportive of environmental issues.

Endangered species rescue

For nearly a year, there has been a delay on the listing of endangered species as well as the naming of critical habitat under the Endangered Species Act. Congress enacted this delay, known as a moratorium, by attaching it to a spending bill for the Defense Department. Meanwhile, hundreds of species are on the brink of extinction and are in need of immediate listing - without delay. A direct consequence of the moratorium is that nearly 400 species Congress should be protecting are not listed as endangered (e.g. Florida black bear and the Peninsula bighorn sheep) Pushing these species closer to extinction makes it much harder to save them. The moratorium also permits the destruction of habitats which are essential for the survival of endangered species. According to the National Biological Service, reports are that the U.S. has 126 "endangered areas" that have lost more than 70 percent of their natural habitats. The loss of vital habitats has led to species decline at an unprecedented rate. Still speaking of the U.S. alone, it has been estimated that there are more than 950 plant and animal species that are endangered or threatened. Nearly 4,000 more (3 percent of all North American species) are candidates for listing.

The moratorium was set up temporarily, but is currently having a significantly negative impact on species conservation. It is time for the moratorium to be stopped. On Friday, March 15, 1996, the moratorium expires. If something is not done now, the Defense spending bill could be extended throughout the rest of 1996. The key to stopping this from happening is to tell the Members of Congress to "Stop the Moratorium." We all need to ask ourselves important questions about what we are going to do about saving the environment. We need to remind our representatives in Congress that we are committed to protecting the environment. We have to show that this issue, as well as other vital issues, including the "Logging Without Laws", concern us, and that we will not put up with the environment being unprotected. Congress should maintain strong requirements in the Endangered Species Act because certain plants and animals could become extinct if they are not protected, and some of these plants and animals might be used for medical cures or to develop disease-resistant crops.

Many of us feel compassion for the environment, however we may feel that our single opinion is useless and in the shadow of government. The average person can make a difference through the combination of many individual efforts. The letters at the end of the article, are giving you the opportunity to make a difference. Nobody can "save the Earth" against their will. We must all do what we feel is right. If you choose to sign these letters there will be a drop box located in the science department of E-1047

DEAR SENATOR MOSELEY - BRAUN

I AM WRITING TO YOU OUT OF GREAT CONCERN OVER A LEGAL MORATORIUM ON THE LISTING OF ENDANGERED SPECIES AND TO VOICE MY OPPOSITION TOWARDS THIS ACT THIS MORATORIUM WAS ATTACHED AS A RIDER TO A SPENDING BILL FOR THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT

I BELIEVE THAT IT IS TIME FOR THE MORATORIUM TO BE REPEALLED HUNDREDS OF SPECIES ARE IN NEED OF IMMEDIATE LISTING - WITHOUT DELAY ON MARCH 15, 1996 THE SPENDING BILL EXPIRES

I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT MEASURES TO REINSTATE THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT AND REPEAL THE MORATORIUM WHICH DELAYS THE LISTING OF ENDANGERED SPECIES

SIGNED, _____

PRINTED NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

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DEAR SENATOR SIMON

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PLEASE COSPONSOR THE FURSE BILL, H.R 2745 TO REPEAL THE RIDER

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30-something? Where does JJC get that stat?

The average age of a JJC student has remained constant at 30, according to figures released by the director of Institutional Research.

Where does this statistic come from? We could answer that question by analyzing and averaging additional statistics released by the office of Institutional Research, such as the fact that 2,755 of the 9,840 students currently enrolled at JJC are 17-to-20-year-olds and 2,022 are 30-to-39-year-olds and so on. Or, we could visit Terry Kunze's Business Graphics for Microcomputers class.

Kunze's business graphics class, CIS 150, is a three-hour credit course that meets in the T Building from 9 to 9:50 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. One glance around the busy classroom shows where that statistic of the 30-year-old average student comes from. Students range in age from 18-year-old JJC freshmen to more mature and much more mature fulltime and part-time students. All, however, are deeply engrossed in the software program they are manipulating in their computers.

CIS 150 is a class in desktop publishing, explains Kunze, that utilizes PageMaker and a Harvard Graphics presentation package. Students learn to design and lay out brochures, newsletters, and other business communications on PageMaker. Harvard Graphics is a slide presentation program.

Of the twenty students in the class, says Kunze, most are computer science majors working toward a degree at JJC. In the evening class that is taught some semesters, a number of the students usually are taking the class for their own personal use rather than to count it toward a degree, she adds.

Students praise Kunze's willingness to help and provide advice and consultation both in and out of class as they work with their design projects. Whatever the age of student, 18 or 30-something, it is obvious that a lot of learning is taking place in CIS 150.

Photos by Lark Rann

Jennifer Lodewegen , computer information systems major, and Cheri Gibhons, computer major from Channahon, share a PageMaker project.

Trustee--

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level. The "living at home" phase still has some students feeling like they're in high school. For whatever the reason, students at JJC haven't shown interest in the betterment of student affairs.

I turn to the administration for answers to questions like why we have no governing body for the nearly 10,000 students enrolled at the oldest community college in the nation. Why is the turn-out at sporting events so low? Why has it taken so long to have the journalism instructor sponsor the publication which is talked about daily in each of the three journalism classes offered at JJC?

Why do I place the "answer finding" on the administration? Because they have the know-how it takes to make an institution run well or, for that matter, not well. The students are still learning whether we want to be, future administrators or teachers of the world. The JJC administration has a new leader atop their chain of command in Dr. Thomas Gamble, the school's president. He has wasted no time making changes as he sees fit and the college seems to be taking a dramatic step forward as a result.

So if the administration makes it attractive for students to write for the *Blazer* or serve on student government, students would then join each of these organizations. Dr. Gamble has looked into awarding credit hours to those students who write for the *Blazer* or serve on student government. What could be more attractive than receiving credit hours for expressing students' concerns via a newspaper and/or a political avenue?

I'm thoroughly interested in finding out how you, the students, feel about these or any other issues. Contact me via letters to the editor or direct mail to:

Scott E. Deininger
c/o Student Affairs
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Joliet, Illinois 60431-8938

RUMBLE, A MUST SEE--

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See it. Get in line now. Go-put this riveting article down and see the greatest living martial artist in his first American feature. Jackie Chan might only be the second greatest martial artist in history, but there isn't an ancient family curse which killed him after his first film. Chan will be back, bruises and all, and you'll want to have been there to see how it all began. I won't even discuss plot, or characters, or dialogue because seeing a Jackie Chan movie isn't about any of those. It's about gut-wrenching, bone-shattering, high-flying and best of all one-hundred percent authentic action. Mr. Chan not only does all his own martial arts in his films, he does *all his own stunts!* Yes, all. When you see him make that 40 foot drop, that's no double, kids; that's the man himself, broken leg and all (Chan has broken over 20 bones in his film career). Action icons like Van Damme, Segal and that Arnold guy will have to move over and make room for the real thing. If you see one film in the next month, make it *Rumble*.

Student needs--

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time. Please raise the expectations of the students. Don't use class time to outline and spoon feed information that is in assigned readings. Assume students will do readings and use the time for all to share their interpretations and opinions. Respect students' willingness to take re-sponsibility in regard to their own learning needs."

Sharon Maher, part-time student, junior at Loyola.

"Another WordPerfect writing lab just for students, not shared by classes." **Caryn L. Kehlet**, senior and paralegal science major

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HOOP SCOOPS

Watch Kentucky go

By Daniel Sloan

With March Madness just around the corner, I thought I would preview the teams to watch in men's and women's hoops come next month.

The obvious choice in men's basketball is the Minutemen, of *U Mass; with a record of* 26-1, they are the likely pick to win the tournament. But don't be so sure.

Sitting at the number two spot in the country is a powerful Kentucky team. This is my pick to click. After losing their second game of the season to the Minutemen, they have rocketed off 22 consecutive wins.

Revenge is sweet, so watch Kentucky roll over everyone, the rest of the season and straight through the tournament.

A few other teams to watch in the top ten are Connecticut, Kansas, and the Bearcats of Cincinnati. Anyone of these three teams could be wearing the crown come the first week of April.

My upset teams of the tournament are the defending champions from UCLA. Also watch Allen Iverson take Georgetown to the promised land once again.

In women's basketball, *sitting at number three in the* nation are the Huskies of U Conn. I see a repeat in the making with the experience and determinatioin of these ladies.

Sitting in their way are the number-one ranked women from Louisiana Tech. I don't think they are pleased with a possible repeat from Connecticut and will do all they can to ruin their place in history.

Two other teams to watch are the powerful Bulldogs from Georgia and a Tennessee team whose hoop dreams were taken from them at the hands of the Huskies in the championship game last year.

So, my picks are Kentucky for the men's and Connecticut for the women's. Let's get ready for March Madness!

ENGLISH MEETING--

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our Students."

Two faculty members attending were also participants. William Yarrow presented a session on using literature to teach critical thinking skills. Attendees looked at selections from Robert Frost, Doris Lessing, William Shakespeare, and Charlotte Gilman. Ted Thompson was one of three panelists for the topic "Teaching Con-troversial Literature." This panel explored how teachers can sensitively and successfully deal with controversial topics (e.g., suicide, abortion, sexual preference) in the English classroom.

Thompson is also a member of the planning committee for the conference, sponsored by JJC, College of Saint Francis, and Lewis University.

JJC SPORTS NOTES

MEN

The Men's basketball team coached by Mike Martin finished regular season play (14-13 overall) with a 119-79 win over St. Xavier Junior Varsity. The Wolves made an incredible 27 of 60 3-point shots, including 9 by Matthias Kautzor-Schroder, who finished with 37 points and 11 rebounds.

Michael Mines leads the Wolves in scoring with a 17.3 average while Aurelio Rainer is averaging 14.9 points and Kautzor-Schroder 14.8. Matthias is averaging 8.5 rebounds per game.

The JJC men finished in fourth place in the North Central Community College Conference with a 6-4 record.

Playoffs for the Men's NJCAA Division II are February 27-March23. Games to be announced.

WOMEN

The Women's basketball team finished regular season play on Tuesday, February 13 with a 50-47 win over Rock Valley Community College giving them third place in the North Central Community College Conference.

Sophomore co-captain Magen Sullivan is averaging 14.5 points per game. Freshman point guard Kisha Barefield is averaging 11.6 points, 7.4 rebounds and 7.8 assists per game. Sophomore co-captain Jane Kresl is averaging 9.5 points and 7.8 rehounds per game. The Lady Wolves are 9-19 overall in regular season play.

February 20-March 9 is playoff time for Coach Tim Johnson's team. Games to be announced.

BANQUET

This year's Winter Athletic Banquet will be Tuesday, March 12, in the JJC Formal Dining Room-J0004. The buffet dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. with a program following; honoring the Men's and Women's Basketball Teams and Cheerleaders.

Athletes, family and friends are invited. Cost is $10.00 per person. Faculty and staff are invited as guests of the Athletic Department but must make reservations. Contact the Athletic Office at 815-729-9020, ext. 2431, by March 7 for reservations

A new monster in town-- Bears nab free agent Cox

By Mark Gregory

Was it blue and orange that Bryan Cox saw when he signed recently with the Chicago Bears? Was it team tradition, or was Bryan Cox simply seeing green? Not the lealish green of his former club, the Miami Dolphins, but the green color of money.

The disclosed contract terms agreed on by Cox were 13.2 million dollars over four years plus a 5 million dollar signing bonus. This contract makes Cox the owner of the largest contract in Bears history.

Cox, a middle linebacker by trait, will be asked to fill the shoes of some legendary predecessors. Names such as Bill George, Dick Butkus, and Mike Singletary once roamed the place where Cox will now call home. The question is, can Cox fill the shoes of these legends? Obviously, the Bears front office thinks so. There is no debating the talent of Cox, but his on-the-field antics stir up controversy. This five-year veteran is a three time Pro Bowler, a talented pass rusher, and a run stopper. He is a very emotional player and sometimes his emotions get the best of him.

Last year, Cox was fined $17,500 for spitting on fans in Buffalo. Sound Familiar? Hall-of-Fame linebacker Dick Butkus was notorious for spitting on fans, players and whatever else got in his way. When asked about Butkus, Cox replied, "With the media magnifying everything at this level, if Dick Butkus played at this time, he would be hated." In his press conference on Thursday, Cox was handed jersey number 52. Why, you ask? The reason for this is simple. Future Hall-of-Famer Mike Singletary wore number 50, Dick Butkus wore 51 (which is Cox's old number in Miami, but is obviously retired in Chicago). Cox explained, "I'm next in line, so I might as well be 52."

Cox's fiery reputation is nothing new to Chicago with the addition of Bob Probert to the Blackhawks and the acquisition of Dennis Rodman by the Bulls. The main difference is that Cox's antics stop when he walks off the field. His off days in Miami consisted of speaking to students at low income schools.

The biggest thing Cox brings to Chicago, though, is his will to win. "The biggest thing about me is the fact that I hate to lose," Cox said. "I'm not a good loser and I don't want to be associated with anybody that likes to lose. I want to go out there and spill my guts on the field and give it everything I have. In those three hours during the course of a game, if I have to hite, scratch, and kick in order to be the best football player I can, then that's what I will do."

The winning attitude that Cox will bring to the Bears is an attitude that Chicago has not seen since the 1980's.

THE WORM HOLE

By Mark Gregory

The Name: As defined in his own magazine, Dennis! Worm-(wurm), n., to move or advance in a devious or stealthy manner.

The Number: Why 91? Simple, his old number, 10, is retired for the Bulls, so 9+1=10. Why not 19 (1+9=10) you ask? I don't know. Probably too normal.

The Hair Color: Dennis went into the All-Star Break a blonde and emerged afterward a brunette.

His Hangout: Since joining the Bulls he has been a frequent patron of Crohar, a Chicago dance club. Dennis also likes to visit gay bars; he says he has never had a sexual experience with another man.

Madonna: Long story

JJC values its two Swiss imports

By Betha Cramer

The Chicago Bulls may have Toni Kukoc from Croatia, but the Joliet Junior College Men's Basketball Team has Matthias Kautzor-Schroder as well as Alphonse Mbambi-Ngoma from Switzerland. Both players were already adapted to American basketball. Alphonse graduated from Maine Central Institute and Matthias was a foreign exchange student in Minnesota.

Head Coach Mike Martin gets his European players from an international agent who places American athletes in Europe and European athletes in American colleges. Martin noted, "We are helping them get an education and go on to a four year college while they are helping us on the basketball team."

Each has a different role on the team. Matthias, 6'5", 205 pounds has an unlimited shooting range. The Athletic Department's Player Profile quotes Coach Martin, "Matthias has big-time shooting range with a big-time

Alphonse
Freshman Center

college body. He has a very big future ahead of him in American basketball."

Alphonse, a 6'6", 220 pound center, will be more of a defensive player and rebounder. Coach Martin said in the Player Profile, "Although Alphonse's offensive skills may be limited right now, he has the athletic ability and rebounding skills to help inside this season."

Matthias said basketball is not played in the schools in Switzerland but in clubs. He added there are almost no sports played in the schools.

A different kind of basketball is played in Switzerland, according to Matthias. He said, "There is much more team work there and more individual effort here."

He noted there were not many activities to do in the Joliet area. Most of his time is spent at school and practice. He said, "I don't have much time to socialize, because of basketball. I have only been to one party."

Matthias would like to go to a four-year college and play basketball. He added, "The NBA is a dream for everybody." He is majoring in business but is thinking about going into sports medicine.

Alphonse started his career in basketball at age nine. He took a year off but came back to play. He said, "I was tall, so I played basketball."

He discovered they play a much faster game here. He added, "Each player has an intensity. If they play well,

Matthias
Freshman Forward

they can play at a bigger college, maybe pro." He commented they play for fun in Switzerland.

He thinks J.J.C. is great, but there is nothing to do in the Joliet area. However he has acquired a lot of new friends at J.J.C.

Alphonse plans to go on to a four-year college and would like to play basketball there. He also is majoring in business. He admitted, "I get a little lazy in my accounting class."

Teammate Kyle Meents said, "They are both dedicated and hard working. They add fun to be around; they give you a different perspective on things."

Marilyn Nemanich, secretary of the Athletic Department, said, "Very homespun, very polite, nice sense of humor."

On or off the court, the future looks bright for Matthias and Alphonse.

New coaches

Two new faces will be seen in the JJC Athletic Department working with the Women's tennis team and Women's volleyball team.

John Stobart (English Department) is taking over as head coach for the women's tennis. Stobart coached at JJC from 1974-1981. His 1975-76 team was the Illinois State Champions.

Cindy Thomas has been named the head coach for women's volleyball. Her best season at JCA was 1990, when the angels were 31-3. She is currently the athletic director at Troy Junior High.

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JJC springs forward

Photo by Lark Rains

Break plans. JJC students Greg Fritz of Joliet and Amie Kelly of Minooka look at the alluring brochures provided by the travel agencies, but they have other plans. Greg is going to stay home to get more hours in on the job, and Amie is going to Arizona.

Breaking to the beach

By Johnny Russler

Spring Break Review!! What are you guys doing? Unfortunately most of us are staying home. But for those of us who aren't, let the party— I mean vacation— begin.

After calling three travel agencies, I came up with the top-three list: 1.) Cancun, Mexico, 2.) Any major beach in Florida, 3.) Padre Island, Texas. These are the same little latitudes that are attracting JJC students.

The next important issue is money, dinero, cold hard cash! What is the best buy for your money? Almost all of these places average about $800 for round-trip airfare and a week's stay at a nice resort.

According to a Lockport-based travel agent, Cancun offers the most for the money: air fare, a week's stay and an all-inclusive trip for $775. Don't forget to bring a little souvenir money, though.

What are all of the Spring Breakers doing? The beach! That's right, most of us want to leave single-digit temperatures to go get deep tans and hair wraps. Spring breaker **Joe Tichy**, sophomore, said, "Goin' back home to Florida to surf from sunup to sundown and enjoy the sights that spring break in Florida attracts."

The other big reason Spring Breakers break is to drink and eat a lot. T-shirts that say "So many bars, and not enough time" reflect this point of view.

Whether you go to Cancun, Florida, or Padre Island, have a good time. If you're not going anywhere, just turn on Jimmy Buffet, mix a drink and close your eyes. See ya on the beach!

Photo by Lark Rains

College Bowl. Danielle Skrodal, Doug Pryor, Tony Dziurawiec, and Elizabeth Palmer are ready for a practice session as JJC's College Bowl contestants.

Spring break dates are March 25 to March 30

Five days after the first day of spring and 11 days before Easter, JJC makes its own leap into spring with a break starting Monday, March 25. Classes resume on Monday, April 1.

Most campus offices and facilities will be open but will close at 4:30 p.m. during break week. The **Learning Resource Center** will be open March 25-29 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. but will be closed Saturday and Sunday, March 30-31. The LRC will also be closed on Easter weekend, Friday through Sunday, April 5-7.

The **Book Store** will be open Monday through Thursday of Spring Break from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday from 7:30 to 3:30. The **Cafeteria** will serve a somewhat limited menu all five days, from 7 to 2:30.

The **Fitness Center** will be closed for cleaning Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday March 25-27. It will be open Saturday and Sunday, March 23 and 24, from 8 to 12 a.m., and Thursday and Friday, March 28 and 29 from 5:30 to 8 a.m. and from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. It will be closed Friday, April 5, and Sunday, April 7, of Easter weekend.

The Counseling Office will be closed since the Counselors are faculty who will be on break, but the secretary will be available to take phone calls. Window registration will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. during break, phone registration from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Touchtone registration hours will be as usual: 12:01 a.m. to 7:50 p.m. and 24 hours on Saturday and Sunday.

For information about open computer labs, check with your individual instructors. Some, like the English lab, will be closed because all personnel will be on break. Other labs may be closed for cleaning and /or repairs and new installations.

JJC College Bowl scores in big-league bowl

By Danielle Skrodel

"Individually they are Phil Solem and Danny Wilde. Collectively, they are what duo who recorded the smash theme song to 'Friends': 'I'll Be There for you'?"

"The term 'politically correct' was coined in 1975 by Karen DeCrow, who was discussing the course being taken by the organization she then headed. Name that group founded in 1966 by Betty Friedan."

"More than a dozen Soviet missions to this planet and the first U.S. mission, Mariner 3, were failures. Name this planet."

If you answered these questions with ease, you might want to consider joining JJC's College Bowl team, coached by William Yarrow, English instructor. The team meets weekly. It currently has ten students actively involved.

College Bowl is a question-and-answer game of general knowledge and quick recall. It is also called "the Varsity Sport of the Mind." The many topics it deals with are history, current events, science, literature, sports, math, entertainment and geography.

JJC held its first official campus tournament on November 21. In order to compete all members must have participated in a campus tournament. The event was coordinated by Marisa

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Correction

In its exuberance over the good report the North Central Focus Visit team gave JJC, the Blazer staff overstated the case. The Focus Visit Team is recommending to the full North Central Association that JJC should receive the extension to the ten-year accreditation. The North Central Association has not yet ruled on the recommendation from the Focus Visit Team.

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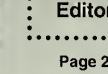

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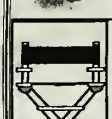

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? BOX
By Johnny Russler

Answers to last issues questions:

Question #1: Where were you going on spring break? By far the majority of us are staying home to work. For the lucky travelers, the beach is the preferred destination.

Question #2: How did you, the students, feel about the run/walk from "T" to "J"-building? Surprisingly, most of you didn't care. "You gotta do what you gotta do"; "It's not the walk. It's that you don't have time to grab a pop or smoke," and "I don't walk it so I don't care," were common comments. Personally, I think a monorail system would be nice.

Next question, please: If you could live anywhere at any time period, where and when would you live? Drop your answers in the ? box by the door of the Blazer, G.

Any ideas for questions? Question Box welcomes any suggestions from students as to topics concerning which we should survey the JJC student body in our next issue.

Send them in, students!!

Domestic Violence

Orders of Protection are only paper

By Gerald J. Zebrowski
Chief, JJC Campus Police

Orders of Protection are issued by a Court when a marriage or relationship has ended and the possibility of harassment and/or physical violence between the parties involved is possible. Violations of the provisions of the Order do occur, and a person who chooses to violate the provisions of the Order can be charged with a criminal offense. A person who has been named in an Order as "protected" should be cautious that the court orders are only paper, and additional precautions may be necessary, even here at JJC.

A student or staff member who has a current Order of Protection, or will be seeking one in the near future, should take a few moments to visit with us and discuss the methods we employ when this type of situation is brought to our attention. Since the Campus Police is the law enforcement agency charged with the enforcement of the provisions of the Order on campus, the help of the individual(s) involved is very important.

During the visit with us we will generate a current copy of the Order of Protection as well as a work schedule and/or a current class schedule. If the college is not specifically named as a place of protection, we will request that the Order be amended to include that specific information. We will request that the appropriate supervisor and/or instructors be advised of the Order of Protection if repeated off-campus violations of the Order are common, if the other party is also an employee or current student or if the work or classroom situation may require the protected person to be alone in isolated areas. We will also encourage the use of the buddy system as well as utilization of the Escort Program to walk out to the parking areas. Also, all violations of the provisions of the Order of Protection off campus should be reported to us as well as the appropriate law enforcement agency.

The Order of Protection was designed by the Courts to help stop harrassment and violence by one person against another. Most of the time the Order serves its purpose and no other legal action is required. However, the person listed as "protected" in the Order should remember that the Order is only a piece of paper and additional safety precautions may be necessary.

Letter to the Editor

A Republican Replies...

I have just a few problems with your article in the Editorial Opinion column of the March 6 edition of the *Blazer*. This was the most unprofessional, illogical, despicable and pathetic excuse for an opinion column that I have ever seen in my life. I understand that you're not a professional, and if word ever gets out about this article, you never will be. But unlike your article, I will tell you why almost everything you said was wrong . . . and who the real enemy will be on November 8, 1996.

I believe the first thing to address is the neck-deep tide of mud that was slung around your article. In keeping with the spirit of dignity and responsible journalism, calling Bob Dole "the 72-year-old zombie who doesn't believe in the First Amendment" is a serious breech of ethics unless you can back the statement up. Nowhere in your article do I find any supporting evidence to the effect that Bob Dole is a zombie, or that he doesn't believe in the First Amendment. The argument is likewise when you state

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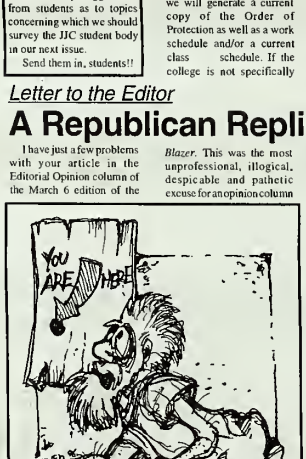

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Editorial Opinion

Exercise your right to vote

By Jason Maholy

I called some lady whose name I found in the phone book yesterday. I never told her who I was (she didn't ask either) or why I was calling her, I just asked her if she was going to vote in the upcoming Illinois Republican Primary. Not suprisingly, she said no, not because she wasn't voting Republican but because she wasn't even registered to vote. In fact, I think her exact words were. "I'm not even registered to vote. So no." Then she giggled like it was a big joke.

Why don't some (a lot actually) people vote or even register to vote? Ask somebody who doesn't vote and they'll tell you it's because the candidate they like can't win. Another good one is the "This country is so screwed up nobody I vote for is going to make a difference" line.

For those of you that use the former, did you ever think that there are millions of people that think the same thing and also don't vote. If all of you could just get together and vote, you could change the world, man. Well, not exactly, but what that would do is put so much more pressure on the candidates that people *are* voting for. Same for you people who think that nobody is going to make a difference. Vote for anybody, even if you know they don't have a shot to win. Candidates notice when no-names are voted for.

As for me, I don't know exactly whom I am going to vote for, but it is not going to be Dole or Clinton (unless it's George). I'm going to find out who's campaigning to legalize drugs and prostitution, who's going to tax and treat everybody equally and who's going to say, "I'm not sending American troops halfway around the world to keep peace in a country that's never done a thing for me." Anybody with me?

Student pay: unfair

By Stephen Hicks

Most people that attend junior college work. The cost of living, transportation, and the total cost of school takes a bite out of the ol' pocketbook, no matter who is footing the bill. Often juggling a school and work schedule is nearly impossible. All school and no play make Johnny a poor boy (not to be confused with the sandwich), yet we all need the extra money from our job, and we expect to be compensated for the work we do. Now I am not saying that a ditch digger should make more than a nuclear scientist, but please do not pay the leading theorist on splitting the quark in nanoseconds the same amount as a ditch digger. The point I am making is that students who go to school and need some sort of supplementary income should receive fair pay for what they do.

One way of making money is to take a job working for the college. There are many jobs available each semester for students. So far this is great. Here's the problem: the college pays students only minimum wage (some jobs slightly higher). Now that is outrageous!! I understand that the government allows students to earn only $4.35/hr. Come on, give us a break! A job at the college makes it easy to schedule work time around school time, which can be a HUGE problem with outside employers, but why worry about scheduling problems when you are making seven to eight dollars or more an hour? Sometimes it seems better to work at McDonald's. The pay beats minimum (six-fifty per hour), the hours are flexible, and there is not too much stress in the workplace. However, some choose to work for the college anyway, in areas of interest in fields that they might be pursuing. Again, it is not necessary to pay us the President's wages, but the pay should match the job.

Take for instance, the tutors in the Academic Skills Center. Their job is to supplement the instruction of the teacher by helping to explain the book and review course content. That is a pretty tall order to fill. The reward for their hard work is payment of four thirty-five an hour. A tutorial job in the computer lab is paying at least $5.25/hr. What is the deal with that?!? Am I missing something? In order to be a hired tutor, you must have passed the course with a grade of a B or higher and have the department chairperson's signature. I think that the principle of equality of all wages for our students needs to be acknowledged, especially in the tutor area. Do computer tutors get paid more because they know more? Are computers more important than physics or algebra? Low wages discourage academically talented students from helping fellow students. I really don't want to be slinging grease burgers at the local McD's, but the college doesn't leave one much choice. My hat goes off to the student employees of Joliet Junior College. I'm rallying the troops to push for a raise in pay, but don't hold your breath.

Sometimes, yes, no-- no time, say students

By Sharline Sisk

In response to the questions "Are you registered to vote," and "Do you vote in the political elections?" JJC students had the following comments.

"No, I never registered. I never thought it was important, but I'm gonna vote this year."—**Gina Estremera**, sophomore pre-med major.

"Yes, I always vote Democrat."—**Stephanie Mendoza**, sophomore elementary education major.

"No, I just haven't signed up."—**Susan Spikings**, sophomore sociology major.

"No, no time. If it was made more available here on campus, instead of going somewhere else, I would vote.—**Cindy Berkos**, sophomore radiology major.

"Yes, I am registered and yes, I do vote."—**Brian Pakieser**, sophomore aviation flight major.

"Yes, I am registered and do vote."—**Dedric Rogers**, freshman computer science major.

"Yes, I participate in the political process."—**Richard Allen**, returning adult, undetermined major.

Student defends Republican views

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that Buchanan is "the anti-abortion racist who basically disapproves of anybody who is not a white Irish Catholic." Support your opinionated statements or get out of the business of journalism.

Second, your article was written with all the vigor of a Democrat fanatic, attempting to laugh off accusations against President Clinton like Whitewater and a sexual harassment charge. These two topics are very serious allegations. I am appalled that you attempted to laugh off accusations of sexual harassment.

Now let me relate some information on Dole and why he will defeat Clinton. Dole has been a veteran of the political establishment for thirty-five years. He has the connections in Washington to get done what he says he will. For example, though Clinton balked at balancing the budget, Dole tried to push it through. When the government ran out of money, Clinton began negotiating. Because he wouldn't move one jot from his pork-laden budget plan, the Republicans, realizing that the country had to have an operating government, bowed out, giving Clinton a victory that thrust our country farther into debt.

Dole is a patriot. He fought World War II. He is a man of strong character. How do I, a mere student, know this? After being shunned by the Republican Party two times, he decided to make one last run. This time he is winning.

What does Clinton have? A past history of draft-dodging, double-speaking the American people, and shoving our country farther into debt to make the economy look good. The draft-dodging occurred when he refused to accept his duty as an American to fight against a foreign foe. The double-speaking includes the abortion issue, which he flip-flopped several times. The debt is obvious.

Dole will win. He will be sworn in as President. Why? Because though the American people are a forgiving people, we can be a vengeful people, when a leader steps on our toes too many times, or when he tests the limits of our anger too many times, or when he does not come clean when posed with accusations. Dole will win not only because of Clinton's flamboyant mistakes. Dole will win because when a patriot stands next to a coward, the people know which one is the patriot and which is the coward.

Chris Montgomery

Missing by-lines

Two bylines were inadvertently omitted in the last issue of the Blazer. Betha Cramer wrote the article "From T to J in 10 minutes?" and Divia Young wrote the article, "Student reaction ranges from 'What?' to 'Great!'"

Per your request

Student access to internet is here--via CIS 101

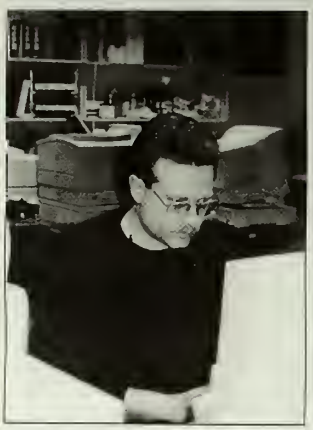

Photo by Lark Rams

Robert McGee, student from Minooka, works in the E-Lab, the only lab currently equipped for access to internet.

By Olivia Young

Access to internet, one of the most frequently cited campus needs when JJC students were surveyed by the **Blazer** recently, is already available to students on a limited basis.

Four classes of CIS 101, Introduction to Internet, are currently being offered and will be offered again in the fall. They are taught by Scott Olsen, director of the E lab, in that lab on the ground floor of E Building.

"E-Lab is the only lab equipped for internet access at present," said Dr. James Lepanto, vice-president of Academic Affairs and co-chairman of the campus Technology Committee with Jon Johnson, director of the Information Technology Center. "However," Lepanto added,"All of T-Building will eventually be equipped for internet access."

Ram Raghuraman, co-ordinator of the CIS program, introduced the internet course to the Board of Trustees. He might eventually teach the course in the T-Building labs. "If it weren't for Ram, JJC might never have had the internet course available."

Designed for students who want internet access, the current offerings are one-credit classes. "The present plan is that to be able to access the internet, a student is required to take the class or show proficiency," said Lepanto.

Topics covered in the class include an overview of internet and available tools, E-mail and listservs, the use of usenet newsgroups and an introduction to Gopher, introduction to Telnet and FTP, WAIS: indexes and database, and the world-wide WEB.

The campus Technology Committee, which has supported the internet class, is made up of faculty, staff, and administration. They are in charge of planning of technology for the JJC community.

Students' views on JJC needs

By Stephen Hicks and Shannon Merten

The following suggestions for improvements to JJC are a continuation of the report of survey results started in the March 6 issue.

"McDonald's in the lunchroom and an electronic walkway over the bridge," **Tim Stevens,** second-semester freshman ." I don't feel it is o.k. for teachers to penalize students for being absent. We pay their salaries. We are not children; don't treat us as such." **—Pamela Liccardi**, freshman forward.

"Distance of classrooms in T Building from classes in J Building to cover in a 10-minute time span,"

— **Matt Chytracek,** second-semester freshman.

"Add student housing," — **Aaron Squires**, student from Joliet.

"I like it the way it is." **— Dan O'Donnell,** students from St. Louis.

"Add more females," — **Kemoni**, student from Youngstown, Ohio.

"We should have meal cards since food costs so much," — **Shawn Banks,** student from Alton, IL.

"Each academic departmenmt should have its own highlights, such as special students or even events in the department." —**Alexis Krapf,** Manhattan student.

"I think we need more kiosks in the beginning and end of each semester. The lines are so long that I end up being late for class." —**Ryan Nietupski,** Manhattan.

"Spring break is at a bad time. It's early and not with everyone else's spring break." **—Leslie Jones**, sophomore from Lemont.

"Larger study area. The ASC and the LRC are usually full. We need a quieter area. We also need a cash station." **— Eric DeSimone**, sophomore.

"Raise the pay of student workers at JJC." **— Beverly Dudek**, student.

"A computer lab that is open for student use weekdays ... all day." **—student, Kelly Willson.**

'Why can't I start in Eng 101?'

By Chris Montgomery

Developmental courses, those zero credit classes to which large numbers of JJC students will be assigned according to scores they make on the COMPASS assessment test, are understandably frustrating at first to the students enrolled.

"Why," such a student asks, "can't I try the credit course: English 101 or College Algebra?" Unfortunately, statistics show that students attempting courses at a level beyond their assessment score rating rarely, if ever, succeed.

This is in spite of the fact that most of the people in developmental education classes, especially at the college level, are sharp, intelligent people who simply need instruction and knowledge about the fundamentals of reading, writing, and arithmetic. Developmental education has to do with educating people in the ways of proper sentence structure, composition, and mathematics.

Many students in American colleges don't succeed. That's the bottom line. In an effort to curb this trend, college officials and members of the private sector, pose the question, "Why?"

Social commentator George F. Will writes in one article, "Many teachers (high school) now consider the traditional idea of teaching to be intellectually suspect and morally offensive because it is tainted by the authoritarian idea that some people do things better than others."

Lack of academic preparedness, however, is only one reason students do not succeed. Hunter Boylan, editor of a newsletter at Appalachian State University, lists five other reasons. "Factors such as personal autonomy, self-confidence, ability to deal with racism, study behaviors, or social competence have as much or more to do with grades, retention, and graduation than how well a student writes or how competent a student is in mathematics," states Boylan. In his article, he was defending the need for student developmental services, which has been under fire from government and college officials alike almost from its conception.

Boylan responded to the heat. He writes, "The debate over where to do developmental education or whether to do it at all is fraught with misunderstandings, oversimplifications, half-truths, and some outright lies."

"When students at JJC, any of them, not just developmental students, are called upon to write, it appears they do not have the context to do so," said Charlene Wagner, co-ordinator of the Academic Skills Center at JJC. This is where developmental education comes in. It gives students the tools they need to write clear, concise papers, skills that perhaps they did not receive in high school or grammar school. It is difficult to succeed in college without this basic ability, Wagner stressed.

In 1995, 952 new students at JJC took the ASSET test, the assessment tool which preceded COMPASS. Of these 952, test results showed that 509, or 55 percent, had scores indicating a need for developmental classes. These figures were compiled by the college's Office of Institutional Research, headed by Bob Hauwiller.

"A basic foundation of mathematics, composition and reading is the key to success," said Hauwiller. However, the educational community is not providing this foundation for all students. He noted that Harvard University has developmental courses for its students.

Now that developmental courses have been introduced, with a full staff of competent programs and workers to supplement the program, the question is, "Is there improvement?" By all indications, the answer is . . . maybe. More fine-tuning and more data collection is needed.

College Bowl-- (Continued from Page 1)

Johnson, director of Student Services, and Yarrow.

On February 23 and 24, Yarrow took six students to Milwaukee to compete in the Region 8 College Bowl competition at Marquette. "This was our first formal competition. We expected to compete against other community college teams, but we found ourselves facing teams like the University of Chicago, Northwestern University, the University of Wisconsin at Madison and UIC. These were experienced teams composed of upperclassmen and graduate students," Yarrow said.

"Against overwhelming odds, our team (Doug Pryor, Matt Offerman, Craig Mark, and Tony Dziurawiec) fought bravely, scoring points against every team we played. In our last match against IIT, we led at the half 75 to 40! Though ultimately we lost, it was only by one question. I was very proud of our team," Yarrow commented. "We acquitted ourselves well, and we'll do even better next time."

If you think you are interested in joining the team, contact Yarrow at extension 2361.

Now check to see whether you did answer with ease. The answers are "The Rembrandts," "National Organization for Women (N.O.W.)" and "Mars", respectively.

Photo by Jennifer Chubb

Shannon Horn of the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie explains a map of the Arsenal area to JJC students.

Now it's a tallgrass prairie

By Jennifer Chubb

Imagine standing in Will County being completely surrounded by trees and prairie; no buildings, no cars, just you and nature. One day soon you may be visiting a place like this. The Joliet Arsenal is a 23,500-acre site that once produced ammunition for the U.S. Army, but is today the site for the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie.

According to an *Illinois Audobon* story on the Arsenal, the Joliet Army Ammunition Plant was built in 1939 to produce, among other things, TNT for explosives, during World War II. During peak production the plant produced 5.5 million tons of TNT a week. In the early 1990's the plant closed. Today, the JAAP serves as a wild playground for wildlife ranging from coyotes to the endangered Upland Sandpiper.

The acquisition of the Joliet Arsenal from the U.S. Army allows for the establishment of the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie. "Midewin" is the Pottowatomi word for "healing." The plan also includes two industrial parks, the development of a National Veterans Cemetery, and creating a landfill.

In the 19,000 acres designated for the National Tallgrass Prairie, the *Audobon* article says a goal is to preserve the largest grassland in Illinois and to preserve species that are rapidly declining. In 1993, the Army had the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and The Nature Conservancy perform an endangered and threatened species survey and discovered that the Arsenal site provides habitat for sixteen state endangered and threatened species of plants and animals. Nearly 50 percent of the grassland birds are also listed as endangered or threatened in the Midwest, which makes the National Prairie all the more vital for sustaining species. The opportunities for this acreage also include hiking, biking, camping, and environmental education.

The benefits of the Joliet Arsenal site provides range from restoring the ecosystem

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Honors students give paper

By Jeannette Pifer

Cynthia Fox and Jeannette Pifer, JJC honors students, presented a paper on "Frustration and Aggression During Childhood" at the annual spring conference of the Honors Council of the Illinois Region (HCIR) over the February 23-24 weekend.

The presentation grew out of an in-course honors project done by Pifer and Cox for Psych 205 (Child and Adolescent Psychology and Development) under the guidance of psychology professor Tom Sweitzer during the Fall '95 semester.

Also attending the conference were honors students Anna Sprietzer and Julie Ruffatti, who attended numerous presentations by honors students from colleges and universities throughout the Illinois region. Honors Program Coordinator Peter Neff moderated a number of presentations.

Pifer and Cox's presentation focused on the various forms of frustration children experience and the students spent time observing children and caregivers interacting at grocery stores, the mall, the doctor's office, and several other locations. Through the course of their observations, the two noted concepts learned in the classroom applied to daily life. Several anecdotes were taken from their observations to illustrate the concepts of their project. The students also noted mismanagement of childhood aggression by caregivers and included appropriate caregiving techniques in their presentation.

In addition to the presentation experience, Pifer and Cox, along with Sprietzer and Ruffatti, attended several presentations by honors students on topics as diverse as microbiology, The Great Depression, and one student's experiences as an intern at the White House.

This year's conference was held at Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield, IL. JJC students had the opportunity to interact with honors students from colleges and universities throughout the Illinois region, including Northern, Eastern, and Western in Illinois, Southeast Missouri State, Elgin Community College, and others.

School smells

Sweet aroma of spring

By Paul Herris

Spring is just around the corner, and everyone knows what spring holds. The rebirth of nature, spring break, warm weather, spring showers, and who cannot forget, those lovely S-M-E-L-L-S that surround the JJC campus.

Everyone who drives the expressways to school knows what I am talking about. These smells can be horrendous. They come from every direction.

The first direct smell I hit is that nasty smell from the CDT landfills. This smell is so bad, even if my windows were up, that I feel like passing out or maybe throwing up in my bookbag. I mean, this landfill is not made to border the expressway. If the proprietors of CDT Landfills had any consideration for the public, they would cover these landfills and move out towards the countryside where there are few people and few cars. But because of profit margins and limited space, there is no way that this would happen.

Now for those of us who travel from the south, there is the scent wafting through the air from the Mobil Chemical Company. This is very lovely when a person drives to school early in the morning. It smells like a bad high school chemistry experiment gone awry or maybe a giant goose's egg that has gone bad.

Quantum, to the west of the JJC campus, burns off chemicals that cannot pollute the air toxically. However, these chemicals have a horrible smell if you go cruising by on a warm day with your windows down.

The people from the north are the luckiest of usall. Those commuters only have to deal with the pollutants from their vehicles. This is about the mildest, if a person could call it mild, pollutant that we are accustomed to smelling.

What's a JJC commuter to do? All who drive the expressways should buy a car that does not circulate outside air or get a gas mask. This is the only way a person can avoid becoming a victim of those aromatic scents that wake us up in the morning.

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All aboard for the planetarium

Take a trip through the solar system

By Ryan Bauter

"Please return your seats and trays to their full upright positions." That is what it seems you should do when you leave the Herbert Trackman Planetarium. It's like a ride through the galaxy. Have you ever wondered what the stars and earth look like up close? The Planetarium gives you that opportunity.

Money for the Planetarium was donated to the college by alumnus Herbert Trackman. "The planetarium has been around since 1973. In 1988 money donated by Trackman was used to remodel the Planetarium and buy some top-of-the-line equipment," says Ed Eichelberger, director of the Planetarium and instructor in Natural Sciences. The Planetarium features the Spitz System 512 projector, which is controlled by a computer and a multi-media automation system that in turn controls a video projection system. Eichelberger stated that he gave 175 shows last year and had a turn-out of about 7,000-8,000 people.

Eichelberger has written many of the Planetarium's programs himself. Others he buys. All the shows are free. "The college sees the Planetarium as a service to the community," says Eichelberger. "The goal of the Planetarium is to educate the public while they are being entertained," he added.

Programs are every other Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. and every other Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Eichelberger gears many programs toward children because of the many school groups that come to the Planetarium. At night he ~~gears programs toward~~ young adults and parents. He also has many programs for everyone.

Some of his programs are "Earth Whispers," what an extraterrestrial would learn by eavesdropping on our broadcast communications; "Starflight,' a classic trip through the universe; "Solar System Stake-Out," a tour with planetary investigator Sam Snork and his assistant Elmo, as they solve a mystery among the planets "Cosmic Catastrophes" examines events that may have caused extinctions and looks at the probability of future events.

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Photos by Lark Rana

JOB FAIR DRAWS CROWD

Left: A throng of JJC students, faculty, and staff as well as off-campus visitors travel up and down C and D concourse to view the numerous booths set up by area industries, stores, and businesses. Employment opportunities were the big appeal.

Above: Eddie Bryan and Sylvia Navir exchange information at the Sears table, one of many such interactions that took place at the Job Fair held at JJC on March 6.

The Job Fair is an annual event at the college. It has grown in the number of participants as prospective employers have recognized its importance as a way of contacting capable employees.

JJC requests No Smoking at J entrance

If you need a cigarette break, what more pleasant spot for it than the area outside the cafeteria near the patio?

This is one option suggested as an alternative to the J-Building entrance, off-limits to smokers effective April 1. Another is the cove area between J and K-Buildings.

In announcing this adjustment to the college's indoor smoke-free policy, the administration cited concern for the fact that smokers in front of J-Building sometimes block the doors. Also, non-smokers entering the building are exposed to cancer-causing, secondhand smoke.

Another concern is that the entrance to J-Building is the first impression for many new students and visitors who come to the Main Campus.

For the most part, a spokesman for the administration says, students and staff have complied with the college's smoke-free policy. The administration expresses its appreciation for this cooperation, both in the past and in the future.

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Now Playing
Movie Reviews by Softy

The Birdcage. Robin William s latest release was a little disappointing. Don't get me wrong; seeing him play a gay character is funny. Nathan Lane as his lover, posing as a straight woman, is hysterical. Gene Hackman as the father of the bride, completely unaware of the ruse, adds a subtle humor to the whole bizarre situation. In short: it's amusing. But...(and you knew there was a but)...it's overdone. I know: it stars Robin Williams so it's *going* to be overdone. I expected that, and still walked out thinking the whole gay/straight thing was overemphasized. I enjoyed watching Williams play the straight man (comedically speaking), a definite switch for such an accomplished character actor. "Birdcage"is one to catch, but maybe on video.

Up Close and Personal: Every good review should have a sappy love story, and Redford really shines opposite Pfeiffer. A great date film, but a lousy study of the broadcast news business. A bit of a tearjerker, but otherwise an all around feel-good love story. Perhaps the best thing playing right now.

Hellraiser-Bloodline: Will the nightmare ever end!?!? Yes, that pathetic, grotesque icon of horror, Ol' Pinhead, is back in the latest installment of the Hellraiser series. When I saw the original, I never would have believed they'd actually pull three more movies out of such a flimsy plot and superficial effects. "Bloodline" manages to be even more flesh and (no small feat) even less substance. Don't even waste your time renting it. Just watch any of the other three backwards; you won't know the difference.

Unforgettable: Ray Liotta returns to the screen in another stylistic action film. The concept is somewhat unique: a scientist offers him the opportunity to relive the last few moments of his wife's murder, giving him new insight into her death and the man who killed her. Like all of his films, the pace will keep you interested until the very end; and Liotta is a master of the brooding and driven hero, consumed with finding answers to long-forgotten questions.

Down Periscope: I, can't help but wonder what Kelsy Grammer was thinking when he accepted the role of wacky captain on a screwball submarine. His career was doing great; he didn't need the money, and I don't see how making a 'Police Academy on the water' will do wonders for his reputation as a respected actor. Is he tiring of Frasier? Is he looking to expand his repertoire and versatility as a performer? Is he a big fan of Rob Schneider? Perhaps all of the above, but none of that would justify starring in such a third-rate comedy about second-rate sailors.

If Lucy Fell: It has Elle MacPherson, 'nuff said. Okay, for those who need a slightly better reason to shell out full price (though I can't imagine why) it stars the new and improved Sarah-Jessica Parker (check out the new nose! Holy plastic surgery Batman!). Still not convinced? Okay, she stars opposite Eric Schaeffer (from the short lived Fox series "Too Something") in a top-notch romantic comedy with a very macabre theme. Two friends make a childhood pact to jump off the Brooklyn Bridge if they haven't found true love by the time they're 30. Now jump ahead fifteen years: 30 is looming around the corner, and the romantic prospects are pretty grim for both of them. I was pleasantly surprised by a script with sharp dialogue and insightful commentary on the state of relationships in the '90s. You'll walk out feeling good, get a few laughs, plus Elle. What more could you want for six bucks???

Tallgrass prairie--

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to economic sustainability, say local ecology activists. It is also a chance for the Chicago metropolitan area to get involved in volunteering and restoration activities. This project will create a natural space away from the overcrowded urban areas and provide outdoor recreation in the natural environment for generations to come. Our inspiration should be to protect and preserve what is left of our natural resources. For those of you who are interested in helping to restore the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie, a one page letter expressing your interest should be sent to Shannon Horn. Please write to: Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie, P.O. Box 88, Wilmington, IL 60481. For further information you can contact Shannon at (815) 423-6370, or talk to Mr. Andy Neill here at JJC, who is a present volunteer, in room E-1047, ext.2632.

Arts Corner
By Carolyn Chernich

Up and Coming in April, *Agnes of God*, by John Pielman. Directed by Nikki Blowers.

The main story line of this play concerns a psychiatrist who is court-assigned to Agnes, a nun who murdered her baby, to see whether she is healthy enough to stand trial. During the play, the psychiatrist and Mother Mirian vie for Agnes's soul.

Although this is the main story, the underlying theme is about three people and their faith in a higher existence. Director Nikki Blowers stresses that this play is not necessarily a religious one but rather one in which the question is asked, "Are there saints and miracles today, or have our perceptions changed?"

Performances will be given April 18, 19, and 20 at 8:00 p.m. and April 21 at 2:30. Tickets are $3 for the general public; $2 for senior citizens, students from other schools, and JJC faculty and staff; and $1 for JJC students.

Planetarium--
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"Solar System Stake-Out" will be shown at 7:30 p.m. March 21. "Hubble Vision" on March 12 traces the short history of the Hubble Space Telescope, including its deployment, the discovery of its optical defect, the subsequent repair mission and some of its most recent findings. "Larry, Cat in Space" was shown March 7.

JJC displays 17 works at Juried Art Exhibit

Fourteen Joliet Junior College students were represented in the annual Illinois Community College Juried Art Exhibition held recently at Rend Lake College in Ina, Illinois.

From a total of 181 entries submitted, 82 pieces were selected for display from eight Illinois two-year institutions. JJC had 17 works accepted.

JJC students that received honorable mentions were **Dave Wilson**, Lockport, and **Robert Jones**, Morris, oil painting; **Michael Rank**, Romeoville, pastel; and **Georgina Hunter**, Joliet, pastel and ink.

Other JJC students selected were Minooka— **Cynthia M. Muir**, plaster, and **Jennifer L. Richmond**, soft pastel; Morris— **Robert Jones**, oil; New Lenox— **Chad (Manning) Maxfield**, two acrylics, and **Ryan Butterfield**, (two works) acrylic, and crayon and pastel; Plainfield— **Chad Jones**, conte' crayon, **Christina Wurl**, acrylic, **Tracy Jackinowski**, colored pencil, **Jo Ellen M. Wysmierski**, pastel/charcoal/conte' crayon, **Cynthia M. Porter**, watercolor and colored pencil; and Romeoville— **Michael Rank**, pastel.

The exhibit was co-sponsored by JJC. **Wilson**, of Lockport, also had an acrylic work on display.

By Jennifer Chubb

One bite and you'll lose a tooth! What appears to be candy is actually a collection of hand-cut stones.

Students learn to cut and polish stones

One of the classes of the Fine Arts Department is the course with the strange name "Lapidary Arts." If you look at the display in the lower level outside Room K0008, you will see what appears to be a box of Valentine candy. It is actually an assortment of hand cut stones. The vases hold tiny heart-shaped stones attached to wood "dop sticks."

Sandy Sotor has cut cabochons in standard sizes, pillow and kite cuts, and freeform shapes. She has also created one-of-a-kind pins and pendants in the Art Metals class, using her own stones cut in Lapidary Arts.

Lapidary Arts, ICDE 930/931, is the art of cutting stone to create gems, cabochons, and other decorative and/or useful objects. "Great!", you say, "What is 'cutting stone'?" Cutting stone is actually a process of sawing, grinding, and polishing rock.

Who can do it? (ICDE=I Can Do and Enjoy!) Anyone. There are "Lapidarians" six years of age beginning with the hobby rock tumblers and working professionals over eighty years young. Beginning students will learn to cut oval cabochons, pillow and kite-cuts, and heart-shaped stones. Costume jewelry settings will be available for finished cabs.

Lapidary Arts ICDE 930/931, will be offered during Summer 1 Session meeting Monday/Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 9:15 P.M., with Deborah Graves as the instructor.

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JJC SPORTS NOTES

Moving on

Sophomore basketball player **Kyle Meents** (Wilmington H.S.) plans to attend Eastern Illinois University and major in physical education.

Jane Kresl (Dwight H.S.) a sophomore basketball player, will go to Northern Illinois University and study special education.

Basketball player **Magen Sullivan** (Minooka H.S.) is undecided on a college but plans to play basketball and major in criminology at a 4-year college.

Kyle Meents

Jane Kresl

Magen Sullivan

Final word

The Men's basketball team lost 87-83 to Elgin Community College in the play-offs, ending their season with a 14-14 overall record.

A play-off loss to Illinois Valley Community College ended the Women's basketball season with a 9-18 overall record.

Spring Break

Where will you be for spring break? If you happen to be passing through **NASHVILLE, TN.**, stop and catch a JJC baseball game. If FLORIDA sunshine is in your plans, check out our women's softball team in **PENSACOLA, FL.** Island hopping? Stop on **HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C.**, and watch our men's tennis team in action.

Early break preferred

By Matt Ristau

A mid-semester break is taken five weeks before the end of the semester, according to Dr. James Lepanto, vice-president for Academic Affairs. The calendar is adopted by the Board of Trustees. At the present time there is no committee, but school officials are looking into the possibility of one.

A survey of faculty and students showed they preferred to have the break earlier since the spring semester ends by the middle of May.

H.I.V. deals another blow

By Mark Gregory

It was like the calm before the storm. With the return of Ervin "Magic" Johnson to the hardwood, the sports world temporarily forgot about the deadly virus he carries and once again viewed him as a basketball player, as a person, as Magic. It took the N.B.A. nearly four years to educate players and coaching staffs enough that they would welcome Magic back into basketball and not simply view him as an ex-superstar turned walking time bomb.

Just when everything was going well, tragedy struck again. This time the H.I.V. virus landed a mighty blow to the boxing world. The news of the positive H.I.V. test K.O.'ed the promising career of Tommy "The Duke" Morrison. He had recently signed on with promoter Don King in hopes of a future fight with Mike Tyson.

Just like Magic Johnson, the 28-year-old Morrison cited a life of woman-chasing and promiscuous lifestyle as his reason for the infection. He said in his recent press conference, "I feel it be selfish to ask you to say a prayer for me. I understand that there are people concerned about me. I am fine." He went on to ask people to say a prayer for the young children that are affected by the deadly virus. The biggest fear now is for fellow heavyweight fighter Lennox Lewis, who beat Morrison in a bloody bout this past October. Lewis said that he is not concerned and will wait until his next fight to get tested.

Although the comeback of Ervin "Magic" Johnson to basketball can be used as an inspirational tool for Morrison, the bloody nature of boxing makes it impossible for him to contemplate a return to the ring. No part of Tommy Morrison's 45-3-1 record or his 39 knockouts matter much now. The Duke is now faced with the biggest fight of his life. This fight will last Morrison his whole life, not just 15 rounds. In this fight, there is no title on the line, no belt to put around his waist. The sad truth is, in Tommy Morrison's biggest fight, there will be no tie, no win, only one great big loss.

THE WORM HOLE

By Mark Gregory

(A bi-weekly glimpse into the life of Chicago's hottest sports fad, the Bull's Dennis Rodman)

The Hair: Not much to report here, still orange.

Night and Day: Friends? Yes, Rodman's best friend for the past few years made the journey from San Antonio to Chicago with him. Who? None other than reserve forward (currently on I.R.), Jack Haley. Seem odd? This is Rodman we're talking about, what isn't odd?

For 50 I would..: Rodman said in a recent issue of *Sport's Illustrated* that if he ever gets 50 rebounds in a game, he will take off his clothes on the court! As a die-hard Bulls fan, I can honestly say, "I hope one day he gets 49!"

The Quote: When asked about his unique style, Rodman said, "No one can ever say 'We compare Dennis Rodman to ...Who?' No one can compare me to anybody."

Pro sports

And along came a spider

By Mark Gregory

With the acquisition of John "Spider" Salley, on March 4th, the Bulls added their third remnant of the old Detroit "Bad Boys" team of the 1980's. The Bulls gave Salley a ten day contract, which will pay him approximately $10,976 if they do not retain him for the rest of the season. To make room for Salley, the Bulls placed center Bill Wennington on the injured list citing bone spurs in his ankles but said that it is a legitimate injury and Wennington will be back soon.

Salley joins former Pistons players Dennis Rodman and James Edwards on the Bulls. The three helped the Detroit Pistons win back-to-back championship rings in 1989 and 1990. With the Bulls on pace to win their fourth NBA championship, the three former "Bad Boys" add help to the championship attitude the Bulls are trying to achieve. Salley seems to be here for the long run. If he shows any signs that his skills have not diminished too badly, it is likely he will be the third center on the playoff roster.

This will probably mean that his former teammate, Edwards, along with Dickey Simpkins and Jack Haley, will be on the injured list come playoff time. This would give the Bulls a versatile veteran player, but also someone besides Rodman to keep a fire lit on the court; a fire that is needed, if the Bulls plan on winning 70 games or a NBA championship. Especially, if they plan on winning both. If anyone knows the whereabouts of Bill Lambier, contact Jerry Krause immediately.

Steve races through his active life

Photo by Lark Rains

Steve Hicks gives information to student Jackie Kuban.

By Betha Cramer

Stephen Hicks 24, spends his time in a wheelchair, but it is not just idle time. He races, yes races.

Hicks was injured in a motorcycle accident in 1994, leaving him paralyzed and wheelchair bound. He attends JJC, majoring in Communications-Radio Broadcasting. He will be making a commercial for the Academic Skills Center this semester. This is just part of his active life.

Hicks is involved in wheelchair racing. He races out of Marionjoy Rehabilitation Center in Wheaton. When asked about training, he answered, "very difficult."

Most of his training consists of lifting weights and pushing the wheelchair. He gets up at 5:30 a.m. to work out. What's his goal? The Olympics. He is eligible to try out for the games being held in Atlanta this August.

His everyday wheelchair weighs a hefty 14 pounds compared to the specialized racing chair of 8 to 9 pounds. He said all kinds of apparatus are available for different kinds of sports if you have the money.

Hicks enjoyed wrestling in high school but now has his eye on two other sports, water skiing and snow skiing. He gets a sparkle in his eye when he starts talking about snow skiing. He confessed, "It used to be my favorite."

Hicks doesn't believe there is enough interest or money at JJC to support an organized wheelchair team. He thinks small private organizations can do a better job.

Remember the name, Stephen Hicks. He could be representing not only the United States at the Olympics but a little bit of all of us here at JJC.

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Photo by Lark Rains

T - Building, the Business and Technology Center, has been a center of activity since the beginning of the spring semester for students in the business and technology programs.

Open house for all

JJC celebrates in double-time

You're invited to a birthday party! JJC will be celebrating its ninety-fifth anniversary as well as an open house of the new Arthur G. and Vera C. Smith Business and Technology Center next Sunday, April 21, from 1:30 to 4:30.

The public is invited to the festivities, which will include a diversity of events that both educate and entertain. Programs are planned to interest both children and adults.

JJC, America's oldest public community college, began with six students in 1901. Now, 10,000 students are enrolled in credit classes. The $8.5 million Business and Technology Center is the latest addition. The 90,000 square-foot Center opened for classes in January.

In addition to traditional classrooms the new building contains computer labs in which classes are taught.

Schedule of Activities

The list below is being updated daily. Visitors will receive a complete program of events at the open house.

1:30-2:30

*Computers in the Classroom, Bridge
*Handwriting Analysis, Bridge
*International Education, C-1058
*Learning Through Comic Strips, C-2007
*Teaching a Rat to Learn, E-Lab
*Ballroom Dancing, G- Concourse
*Internet, T-1006 (raffle for free internet training seminar)

1:30-3:30

*Quiz Bank Demo, J-2033
*Cake Decorating, Cafeteria
*Flambe Food Demo, Cafeteria
*Ice Carving, Cafeteria Patio
*Successful Transfer to a four-year school, J-3036

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Grass Roots marks Earth Day April 22

By Jennifer Chubb

The campus Grass Roots Environmental Club is marking April 22, the twenty-sixth anniversary of Earth Day, with three activities.

During Earth Week, April 22-26, club members will sell environmental print T-shirts in the cafeteria. Of the $10-$14 cost, the club makes a profit of $3.50. In addition, the company that sells the T-shirts donates 20% of its pre-tax profits to national environmental groups.

An "Environmental Action Day" sponsored by the club on April 13 involved the ongoing prairie restoration project and a lake clean-up on campus. On April 16 Dr. Angelo Capparella, associate professor at Illinois State, spoke to a JJC audience on ways to properly use the earth's resources. Dr. Capparella has spent much time traveling throughout the tropics of Latin America and has discovered many new species of birds. This knowledge has given him a greater appreciation for the complex processes of the earth; he believes that we need to adopt a new set of values to help save the environment.

Since the birth of the modern American environmental movement on Earth Day, April 22, 1970, there have been many battles fought in the attempt to save the planet from ecological disaster. The message on the first Earth Day was that the planet's plight demands an urgent response from each of us. According to an article published by the National Wildlife Federation, over 20 million people gathered in places like New York's Union Square to hear politicians and philosophers speak of the earth's polluted condition. The events of the day varied from demonstrators in Washington D.C. pouring oil on a sidewalk in front of the Department of the Interior to protest policies of offshore drilling to prayer vigils and trail hikes.

Congress adjourned for the occasion, having felt the heat of the public and knowing that they had to act. They knew that Earth Day founder Senator Gaylord Nelson was right when he said that it might be the beginning of "one of the toughest and most expensive political fights the country has ever seen." The message of the first Earth Day was clear; people were outraged by the degradation of the air, water, and earth. Before the year was out Congress had passed the amended Clean Water Act, an Endangered Species Act, a Safe Drinking Water Act, as well as setting up the Environmental Protection Act.

Take Your Pick. The assortment of designs pictured above is available in your choice of T-shirts being sold by the Grass Roots Club. The money maker supports the club's environmental activities. In addition, the company providing the shirts gives a percentage to the same cause.

Photos by Jennafer Chubb

? BOX
By Johnny Russler

Last issue's ? was, "If you could live anywhere at anytime, where would it be?"

A few responses were: In the 1950's in California, in the Holy Land around the time of Jesus and in Florida in the way future. Personally I would live in Key West any time from 70's and on.

Next ?: We can't stand them. We all have them. Tell me what yours are. Pet peeves. Tell me your biggest pet peeves. What gets under your skin?

?2: Friends of mine in the Sports Department wanted me to find this out. Why don't JJC students attend JJC sporting events? We have plenty of events, so why?

Rate your relationship on a Scale of 1 to 4

By Johnny Russler

I was in Key West when the premonition hit me. I was lying on the beach listening to one of my favorite Jimmy Buffett songs, "Fruitcakes." The song says, Relationships, we all got 'em, we all want 'em, but what do we do with 'em!!"

That's when I let my eyes patrol the crowded beach in search of relationships. I saw four different kinds and realized that we all must have fallen into these categories at least once.

The first is the perfect relationship, and since it does not exist, we move to the second: the almost-perfect relationship. This is sickening for the people around it, not in it. We've all seen it. The couple constantly hug, kiss, and profess their love. These people get the ever-famous line, "get a room." Don't worry. Those in the "almost" group, we are just jealous and wish someone would yell at us!

The third is the "normal relationship." We've all been here. It's the kind in which you share your love but share fights, too. It seems that this relationship is almost boring or routine. So if you need spice, go to the mall and make people sick on purpose!

The fourth is the "What are you doing?" relationship. If you've never been in this relationship, you probably know someone who has been in it. This is the one where one person is King/Queen and the other can't get on the pedestal. They constantly fight, nag and complain, then go to other people who all tell them the same thing. Break up!!

I'm not looking down on love or anything. It's just a brief thought that strolled through my mind somewhere between the ocean and my pina colada. So next time you fall into a relationship, ask yourself which one your in, or maybe you fall in between two relationships. Good luck in your quest for the first relationship!

Letter to the Editor
Students are paying dues

I would like to respond to Stephen Hicks's editorial about student pay.

I was a college student myself some years ago. Back then the minimum wage was $3.10 per hour, and that's exactly what I made when I was a student worker at Governors State University. I lived at home. I drove a ten-year-old car, and more often than not I was dead broke. I know only too well how frustrating it it to be out of money all the time, and there's no doubt that its unfair.

The bad news is life isn't always fair. This is called "Paying your dues." A student who works here in a job related to his or her major may not make a lot of money, but he or she is getting something that the student working at McDonald's isn't. Our student workers are getting "hands on" experience. That's FREE education. Our student workers are also getting a distinct advantage over the competition in the job market upon graduation. Third, as Mr. Hicks pointed out, our student workers can arrange their work hours around their class schedules.

It's not that I want to begrudge the student workers. In a perfect world everybody would have all the money they need to get degrees and jobs they want. The problem is that in order to serve our students' present and future needs, the college must maintain a balanced budget. In order to pay what Mr. Hicks suggests ($7.00 or $8.00 per hour), the college might have to cancel some classes, cut various services, or operate in the "red." If we had unlimited money, that would be another story, but unfortunately that's not the "real world." ---Michael D. O'Brien

Know yourself via summer psych exhibit

Students looking for an interesting weekend trip during the summer semesters might want to attend a 5,000-square-foot exhibition on psychology available in Michigan.

The exhibit entitled "Psychology: Understanding Ourselves, Understanding Each Other," will be available at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum from June 1 to september 2, according to Dr. Jacqueline Solfronk, JJC instructor in psychology. For those able to attend before May 12, the exhibit is being shown at the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum until that date.

"Psychology" features more than 40 hands-on exhibits and activities designed to introduce visitors to the tools, concepts and methods of more than 100 years of psychological research. The exhibition was produced by the American Psychological association and the Ontario Science Center.

Nearly three million visitors have seen the exhibition since it opened in March, 1991. Since May, 1992, APA's traveling version has been touring science museums across the United States.

Wrong number

Students wishing to take "Introduction to the Internet" should sign up for CIS 116 rather than CIS 101, as reported in the last issue of the Blazer. The staff regrets the error.

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Student marijuana use is up 7% from 1993

By Stephen Hicks

JJC students are experimenting more with marijuana now than in years past. Otherwise, their use of drugs and alcohol is not significantly different from what it has been since 1992, a recent survey by the Health and Wellness office reveals.

The current survey was done at the college as part of a requirement of a federally funded grant. The survey has been done once annually for the past four years by the Health and Wellness Office and most recently by Frances Konow, the project coordinator for the office.

The survey was a random sample of Joliet Junior College students on their personal use of alcohol, marijuana, and other narcotics. Most of this year's survey results were consistent with years past. One of the few percentages on a noticeable rise was those of the overall experimentation with marijuana by Joliet Junior College students.

"It has gone up as much as seven percent since 1993," said Konow. These statistics reflect the fact that the percent of JJC students trying the drug is larger than the national average. The more awesome statistic is that of the thirty percent of JJC students that use marijuana, twenty percent use the drug on a daily basis.

The Health and Wellness office was started as a substance abuse prevention program. After talking with students and realizing their needs, the office broadened their program. They added prevention programs for depression, relationships, sexual abuse, and many others.

The coordinator, Frances Konow, has been with the JJC Health and Wellness Office for a year and a half. She is a graduate from Eastern Illinois University with a masters degree in psychology. Anyone interested in contacting Frances for an appointment or a copy of the survey results from this year or years past, can reach her in F-building room, 1009, or at ext. 2636.

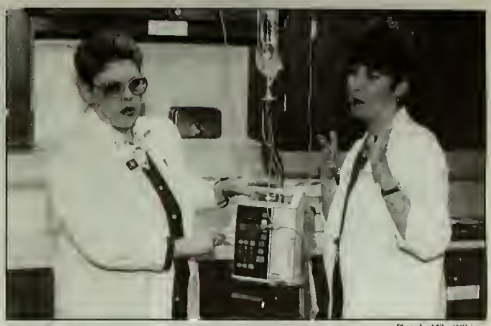

Photo by Mike O'Brien

All-American Mary Frances Lund-Overcash gets instruction from Nursing faculty member Colleen Kestel-Branchaw.

Academic All-American

Mary Fran's Honor is JJC First

JJC has its first Academic All-American. Placing somewhere between twenty-first to fortieth in a field of more than 1200 applicants, Mary Frances Lund-Overcash was recently notified officially of her accomplishment.

The award is co-sponsored by *USA Today* and Phi Theta Kappa, the national honor society for two-year colleges. There were more than 1100 nominees from over the nation. Each nominee was required to submit three letters of recommendation, a biographical sketch, and personal essay.

Lund-Overcash, a graduate from the Nursing Department this year, was encouraged to compete for this honor by Patrick Asher, who was aware that she was 1994's Illinois State Community College Essay Champ and that she had been accepted to read a paper written for her Contemporary Literature class at the 1995 College of St. Francis's Literature and Language Conference.

Mary Fran has also been editor of eight *Wordeaters* that have been widely admired. Several of her poems were selected by a student jury to appear in some of these literary magazines. Also she has written articles for the school newspaper, the *Blazer*. She is a member of the Meter Readers, a writer's club that meets at JJC every two weeks.

While making grades high enough to earn several scholarships and to be inducted into JJC's honor society, Phi Theta Kappa, Mary Fran has made many friends in her role as a peer tutor for the Academic Skills Center. She speaks with affection of the students at the Skills Center and the many friends she has made at JJC, especially students and teachers in Nursing and English.

Mary Fran is the lady who wears flamboyant hats and butterflies on her shoulder. She bakes mythic cinnamon biscuits, loves D.H. Lawrence, the idea of the A.I.D.S. Blanket, piano recitals, and reverence for life. JJC students will be able to see and hear their own Academic All American at the 1996 JJC Commencement, for which she has just been named graduation speaker.

In My Opinion

Legalize drugs---a good idea?

By Jason Maholy

I could just imagine it. Junkies as far as the eye can see, staggering about the streets of our nation. Children just 10 years old hooked on heroin and cocaine. When you go to Denny's (if you dare), you are asked if you prefer to sit in the smoking, pot, or narcotics section. What about non-smoking? Ha, everybody's on something. Yep, there are no more sober people in our once-great nation. Drug use is rampant and will only continue to get worse. Half of the people in the U.S. are addicted to heroin or cocaine and nearly everybody smokes marijuana. Why? Well, because drugs are legal, that's why.

For those of you that think the above is a serious interpretation or even close to what would happen if drugs were legalized —I feel for you, man. Legalization of drugs — primarily marijuana, cocaine, and heroin — would be a great step forward in improving the nation. You know that huge gang problem sweeping the nation? Think of it as eliminated. Without profits from drug sales, gangs would basically "go out of business." If you think that I'm full of it, look back at what was happening during the prohibition of alcohol. Same thing, different drug. And there wouldn't be more people addicted to drugs either. In fact, because of the education of people about drugs there would probably be fewer. Individuals use their drug either because they like it or because they are addicted to it (even those people could quit if they really wanted to). Those who don't use drugs do so because they know that they are bad for them, not because they are illegal. This seems to be the hardest thing to pound into minds of anti-drug advocates who think that legalization would result in more abuse.

The best thing, however, to come from legalization of drugs would be the money made from it. Hundreds of millions of dollars a year made by the drug industry, not to mention the money saved because the "War on Drugs" would be over. Jobs would be created everywhere, cutting down on the unemployment rate.

Sure, there are a few bad things that would come as a result of drug legalization, but I guarantee the pluses would outweigh the minuses by a very wide margin.

Seminar to focus on career trends

A free seminar on career trends will be offered to JJC students next Wednesday, April 24, via distance learning. It can be viewed on the main campus in J 4026 and at North Campus in Room 41. Viewing time will be 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

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April still showing stars

Two shows will be presented in the Herbert Trackman Planetarium during the remainder of April.

"Solar Systems Spectacular" will be shown at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 25. The family program about the formation of our solar system takes visitors on the guided tour in an imaginary spaceship.

"Hubble Vision" will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 30. The program traces the short history of the Hubble Space Telescope including its deployment, the discovery of its optical defect, the repair mission and some of its recent findings.

Recent showings included "Constellations of the Spring and Summer," April 2; "Stellar Stealers: Planet Patrol 2", an adventure with planetary investigator Sam Snork, galactic gumshoe, on April 11; and "Cosmic Catastrophies," April 16.

The Planetarium is located in F-Building on JJC's Main Campus. Shows last approximately one hour, and it is suggested that visitors arrive early since seating capacity is limited and difficult to find once the chamber is dark.

JJC's Tamayo gets acting scholarship

Theatre major Manuel Tamayo recently received a full-tuition scholarship at Stephens College in Columbia, MO. Stephens awards one acting scholarship and one scholarship in technical theatre to transfer students. Past Stephens graduates include CBS newscaster Paula Zahn, Annie Potts of *Designing Women*, and Geri Taylor, executive producer of *Star Trek Voyager*.

This marks the second consecutive year that a JJC theatre major has transferred with a full-tuition scholarship. Last year Greg Pet of Peotone received a technical theatre scholarship from UIC.

Tamayo, of Joliet, learned he was a finalist at Stephens in March and presented two monologues before the college's theatre faculty in April. He was offered the scholarship immediately. This summer Tamayo will participate in Stephens' actor training workshop and will then join their summer theatre program in Okoboji, Iowa.

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Madrigal music to everyone's taste

The JJC Chamber Singers (Madrigals) will present the fourth annual "Music ... and a Taste" on Saturday April 27, at 7 p.m. in the main campus dining hall. The cost is $6.50 with proceeds going to the Music Scholarship Fund.

The concert, as in the past, will be divided into three sections. The first section will feature music of the masters. It will include the Madrigals "I'll Say It Anyway" by Pierre Certon and "Come , Let Us Start A Joyful Song" by Hans Leo Hassler. Mozart's "Regina Coeli" will also be performed along with "Blow, Blow, Thou Winter Wind" from Shakespeare's "As you Like It" by John Rutter; John Newton's "Amazing Grace," arranged by John Coates, Jr.; and "Blessing, Glory and Wisdom and Thanks," arranged by Joliet's Walter Rodby. Various solos are included in the first section.

An intermission is next with the audience being able to sample desserts prepared by the Culinary Arts Department. Music will be performed by the JJC Jazz Combo under the direction of Jerry E. Lewis.

The final section of the program will consist of modern music: spirituals, pop, and vocal jazz. The singers will perform the spiritual "If I Got My Ticket, Can I Ride?" arranged by Robert Shaw with solo part performed by Kevin Johnson. "Gonna Get Along Without You Now," by Meredith Willson, arranged by Clay Warnick; and Kirby Shaw's arrangement of "Route 66" will also be sung. Soloists will be featured in this final section.

Join the Madrigals for an evening of music to suit everyone's taste. Reservations may be made by contacting the Fine Arts secretary at (815) 729-9020, ext. 2223. The reservations deadline is Monday, April 22.

Arts Corner
By Carolyn Chernich

The JJC Chamber Singers under the direction of Douglas Oxborrow is an extraordinary group of talented singers. I may be biased because I am part of the group, but I do know that the auditions to be in this select group are not that easy. In order to do well, you must blend well with the other members of the group. This spring is the fourth semester I have been with the group, and probably will be the last because I will attend Illinois State in the fall.

Once the members of the group are chosen, we begin rehearsing every Monday night from 7 to 9:45. A lot of outside work, however, does go into making the Chamber singers a great group. In order to memorize and learn the music well, I usually record us, then play the tape over and over in my car during my 20-minute trip to and from school.

At the beginning of December, the Chamber Singers perform a Madrigal Dinner at the Renaissance Center in downtown Joliet. The price for the Cornish hen or prime rib dinner is a bargain at $32.50 per person. The food prepared by the culinary arts students is excellent and the entertainment is enthralling. Besides having our regular carols and group pieces, various solos, ducts and quartets are featured throughout the dinner. These side songs showcase the many different talents of the group. Other than the dinner, the group performs at private parties, country clubs, the Rialto, and schools. Although we do not charge for a performance, we do accept donations for a scholarship fund.

Although the fall semester is a great time to be in the Chamber Singers, the spring semester is a little bit freer. Besides doing the serious music such as madrigals and classical pieces, we also do jazz songs, which in my opinion, take more talent. At our annual "A taste and music", the first half we wear our madrigal costumes and sing our serious music. The second half consists of us wearing black and white with a touch of red and singing our jazz music. During the first half, few people are chosen to do ...

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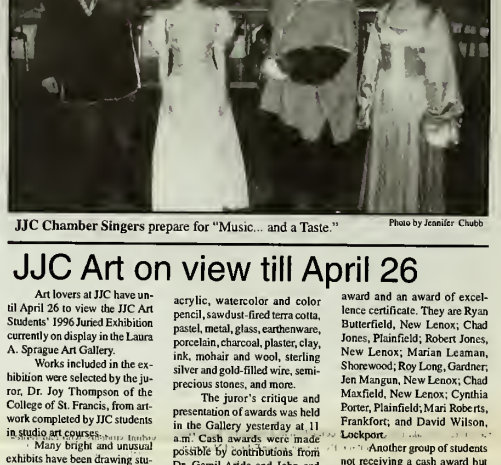

JJC Chamber Singers prepare for "Music... and a Taste." Photo by Jennifer Chubb

JJC Art on view till April 26

Art lovers at JJC have until April 26 to view the JJC Art Students' 1996 Juried Exhibition currently on display in the Laura A. Sprague Art Gallery.

Works included in the exhibition were selected by the juror, Dr. Joy Thompson of the College of St. Francis, from artwork completed by JJC students in studio art courses.

Many bright and unusual exhibits have been drawing students in larger numbers than usual into the Gallery between classes. The works utilize a large variety of media, including acrylic, watercolor and color pencil, sawdust-fired terra cotta, pastel, metal, glass, earthenware, porcelain, charcoal, plaster, clay, ink, mohair and wool, sterling silver and gold-filled wire, semi-precious stones, and more.

The juror's critique and presentation of awards was held in the Gallery yesterday at 11 a.m. Cash awards were made possible by contributions from Dr. Gamil Arida and John and Laura Kingsbury.

Ten students were selected by Thompson to receive a cash award and an award of excellence certificate. They are Ryan Butterfield, New Lenox; Chad Jones, Plainfield; Robert Jones, New Lenox; Marian Leaman, Shorewood; Roy Long, Gardner; Jen Mangun, New Lenox; Chad Maxfield, New Lenox; Cynthia Porter, Plainfield; Mari Roberts, Frankfort; and David Wilson, Lockport.

Another group of students not receiving a cash award but whose work was selected for exhibition by the juror will receive a Certificate of Recognition.

First-time actress scores lead in 'Agnes'

By Carolyn Chernich

When I first met Tera Jensen, the lead in *Agnes of God*, she seemed really down-to-earth. Tera said that she has never been in a play before and that her best friend, Heather O'Connor, had to talk her into trying out for this play.

Although Tera has always been interested in acting, she thinks it would be hard to be successful in that field. She really likes theatre because meeting new people is fun for her. Referring to her new experience in theatre Tera said," I've learned a gazillion tons of new things. The cast and crew are excellent and everyone can depend on each other." Being new to acting, Tera looks up to both Dawn Swick and Roxanne Munch because they have already had plenty of theatre experience.

When Tera was little, she would put on little concerts and magic shows for her family. However, she did not get into acting activities at school. Throughout Tera's life, she has moved several times and attended many different schools. Because of this she never got involved with school activities. Her outside activities are drying and collecting flowers, volunteering at the Matteson Community Center and caddying, which she has done for six years.

Tera is really close to her family, her parents, Tim and Denise, her sister Brooke, and brother, Justin.

Tera is still undecided about her future plans but is looking forward to going away to school because she needs a change. If she can get the lead in the first play she has ever tried

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FOUR SHOWINGS

Four showings of *Agnes of God*, directed by Nicki Blowers of the fine arts faculty, start tomorrow night and continue through Sunday afternoon. The April 18-20 productions start at 8:00 p.m.; the Sunday afternoon presentation begins at 2:30 p.m. All are shown in the Fine Arts Theatre in K Building.

Prices for the general public are $3.00; senior citizens, $2.00; and children, $1.00. JJC Faculty/staff pay $2.00, JJC students $1.00, and non-JJC students $2.00. For reservations call (815) 729-9020, extension 2200.

Cast members Dawn Swick, Tera Jensen (Agnes), and Roxanne Munch.

Now Playing
Movie Reviews by Softy

Executive Decision: Kurt Russel as an action hero? Yessir-(catch the vintage John Carpenter film*Big Trouble in Little China*)! If you're into the whole plane/hostage/terrorist motif (a la *Delto Force* and *Passenger 57*) you won't be disappointed. While some of the storyline is formulaic, a good deal of new ground was covered, and the stock characters are well-played classics. I give kudos to Segal, who is willing to stretch a character the extra mile for the sake of film. My top pick of the month.

Diabolique: I know half of you will see this just because of Sharon Stone. The other half won't for, well, pretty much the same reason. Whatever your feelings are about Ms. Stone, *Diabolique* deserves a chance as one of the first big thrillers for 1996. The story is a mix of dark, disturbing imagery and light, even comical moments. Based on a 1955 French film, Stone stars as the mistress of newcomer Isabelle Adjani's husband (Chazz Palminter), who befriends her abusive lover's wife and conspires to kill him. The ending is somewhat reminiscent of the *Friday the 13th* series, but first-class performances all around make up for a slightly predictable plot.

Faithful: 1995 marked the beginning of Chazz Palminteri's shift from supporting to lead actor, and 1996 could be his breakthrough year. He has, unfortunately, been restricted to the wicked husband stereotype ever since *Jade*. *Faithful* finally breaks the pattern, casting him as the wicked husband's hired gun ... I've never been much of a Cher fan, but her performance as the naive wife was bearable. *Foithful* fans won't be doing her a disservice by waiting for video.

Primal Fear: Richard Gere gives his usual just-short-of-Oscar-worthy performanee as the slimy defense attorney everyone loves to hate. Although this film bears resemblance to Judd Nelson's 1987 film *From the Hip*, the lawyer is far less sympathetic. While the storyline is weak, the courtroom comedy and love story with prosecutor Laura Linney is excellent. Even newcomer Edward Norton as the accused and abused defendant is surprisingly strong. *Primal Fear's* major problems are the repeated attempts to deal with heavy social and psychological issues. The film's morality and intense drama detract from the lighter moments. See it in the theater, but make it an early show. You'll save a few bucks and it won't kill the evening.

A Thin Line Between Love and Hate: Spring is the season of romantic comedies. Comedian Martin Lawrence (*Bad Boys*) stars in a familiar tale of fatal attraction. Nothing really new here, but definitely wait for video; this is one to rent when you just want to sit back and laugh.

Sgt. Bilko: If you're not into Steve Martin's unorthodox style of comedy, *Sgt. Bilko* is not for you. Martin stars as the title character from an old TV show. Don't bother hunting down old copies of the show, either. From what I gather Martin's version is as funny as (though not necessarily true to) the original. Sgt. Bilko is, you guessed it, a bumbling military man who just can't get the hang of all the rules and regulations. While there are better Steve Martin movies out there, we diehard fans have already seen them a million times and are constantly looking for his new material.

First time actress gets lead--

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out for, Tera no doubt will succeed in whatever she attempts.

Roxanne Munch, an English teacher at JJC, plays the role of Mother Superior. In high school she did musicals and once even directed the music for a play. *Agnes of God* is one of the few serious dramas Roxanne has ever done. Roxanne became interested in trying out for this play after talking to Nicki Blowers, the director.

When the rehearsals began, Roxanne and the other girls spent time together learning about each other and learning about their characters. Roxanne said that they work really well with each other, and even though Tera is debuting, she is an excellent actress.

The third actress is Dawn Swick, who plays Dr. Livingstone. Dawn says she enjoys working with Roxanne and Tera and feels they have become close.

The director of the play, Nicki Blowers, is using this experience to write her master's thesis. On April 18, a graduate committee from Roosevelt University will view the play, and this will complete half of Nicki's thesis. To complete the other half of her thesis, Nicki will write an account of how she directed the play. Nicki said that Tera is wonderful to work with as are Roxanne and Dawn.

Photo by Lark Rains

Touring student Rich Segalty of Highland, Ind., confers with JJC student ambassador Benny Haynes, and Director of Admissions George Maniates. Gayle Dybel, Rich's mother, is an interested listener.

Ambassadors have many jobs

By Sharline Sisk

JJC's new Student Ambassadors are a busy group of students who give tours for prospective students, help host events sponsored by the college, and help in a number of other ways to make visitors feel welcome on the campus.

Director of Admissions George Maniates formed the Student Ambassadors group shortly after he arrived on campus in January. He describes them as "a select group of individual students who can represent the institution to prospective students."

To begin the student ambassadors program, Maniates solicited nominations from faculty members. They were asked to recommend those students that they thought were not only good students academically but also showed leadership skills, some involvement at JJC, and "would be good representatives of our campus," stated Maniates.

As a result of those recommendations, the student ambassadors are a cross section of the students at JJC. They range in age from 18 to 53 years old and reflect the diversity of the students on campus.

Prospective students at JJC range from recent high school graduates to returning adults, and each group has its own unique questions and concerns about attending college. "We need students from all paths in order to equate with prospective students," states Maniates. He continued, "By interacting with the student ambassador as part of the admissions process, being able to come down and tour the college, talk with somebody, the prospective students get a better perspective on whether they fit in or not." It is his hope that the student ambassadors become mentors to the prospective students, possibly their first friend on campus.

According to Maniates "that first six weeks on a college campus is so critical as to whether your experience is positive or negative, and we're really trying here at JJC to work on those first six weeks...trying to make students feel comfortable, and make them feel part of our institution. And I think it's very important that we work at making them feel welcome."

One of the main duties of the student ambassadors is guiding tours for prospective students. The ambassadors are provided with a routine and script to follow on the tours.

In March several student ambassadors helped with the math contest that was held at JJC. They assisted in various ways, including set-up and acting as contest monitors, guides, and facilitators. They will also participate in the annual high school Counselors Breakfast on April 18. The ambassadors will be on hand to help with the activities scheduled in celebration of the Ninety-fifth anniversary of Joliet Junior College, including the dedication of the new T Building, on April 21.

Students who may be interested in serving as a student ambassador, either now or in future semesters, can obtain more information at the Admissions Office.

Maniates came to Joliet Junior College in January. He received his bachelors of arts degree in political science and history from the Universtiy of Wisconsin at Madison and a master of arts degree in history from DePaul University in Chicago.

He worked at DePaul University from 1982 though 1988 as an Assistant to the Dean in the School of Education and was responsible for enrollment man-

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Instructor Phil Piket looks over material with Aimee Olznoi, student from Shorewood.

Foster parenting

Piket's training was a help

By Carmen Jewett

Imagine having four kids of your own. One day your sixth-grade son brings home a classmate. The boy needs help and a home. This is how Phil Piket became involved in foster parenting.

Piket, a sociology teacher at JJC, says his background in sociology and his wife's background in psychology provided them with the courage to try foster parenting.

The kid that came home with his son in sixth grade stayed for three years. Piket said they have had many short-term kids and three long-term kids. One girl came to his home in seventh grade, stayed throughout high school and is now attending law school.

Piket commented that fostering kids while his kids, who are grown now, were growing up was a good influence on the foster kids. They saw that his kids were involved in activities and it rubbed off on them.

Foster parents give the kids a stable environment, food, shelter, and time to "sort out and grow," says Piket. His family helped to show them what an average family was so that they could carry that image with them in the future.

Piket and his family occasionally keep in touch with previous foster kids. They exchange Christmas cards and visit infrequently.

Piket says fostering is not for everyone; it "takes time and patience." He recalled it was hard not to take things personally. One time a foster kid ran away. Piket said it was hard not to worry and blame himself because you "grow to love and care about them."

Not everyone has the right personality to foster kids, says Piket. It is "something to explore slowly."

An instructor at Joliet Junior College since 1971, Piket has been teaching for 31 years altogether. Before coming to Joliet Junior College, he taught in Michigan, where he is from originally.

He received his bachelors and masters degree in sociology at Western Michigan University. He teaches Sociology 101, Introduction to Sociology;Sociology 240, Introduction to Comparative Religions;Sociology 270, Marriage and the Family, and Sociology 280, Sociology of Social Problems.

His favorite class to teach is Sociology 270. This class looks at issues concerning long-term relationships. The class is not just for married couples. It examines tradition and alternatives; it is "applying an educational view to marriage."

Piket should be able to supply a lot of anecdotes from his own "long-term relationship" in a marriage that thrived on foster parenting.

April 21 activities--

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*WordPerfect 5.1 Demo, J-4036
*Microstation CAD Architectural Demo, T-1030

1:30-4:00

*Honors Program, C-Concourse

1:30-4:30

*Fitness Center Tours
*Job Opportunities in Agriculture, A-2006
*High Tech Greenhouse
*Horticulture
*Nature Trails, E-1009
*Prairie Restoration, E-1009
*Volunteer Stewardship Old Plank Trail, E-1009
*Native Plants, E-1009
*Student Art Exhibition, Sprague Gallery
*Multimedia Presentation, T-1000 and 1002
*Computer Career Assessment, T-1005
*Electrical/Electronics Technology, T-1008
*Automated Systems Lab Demo, T-1050
*Making Educational Dreams Reality, T-Main Entrance
*Physics and Robot Demonstration, E-2008 and E-2012
*JJC Alumni Association, Bridge

1:30-2:00, 3:00-3:30

*Internet and Computer Network Demo, T-1035

1:30-2:30

*Tie-dye T-shirts, K-0012
*Historic Costume Display, K-0012

2:00-3:00

*The World of Germs, E-1003
*How We Create the Blazer newspaper, G-1008
*PRO-E CAD Demo, T-1030
*Student CAD Projects, T-1035
*Make a Calligraphy Bookmark, T-1038

2:00-4:00

*Clown / Face painter, Bridge
*British Import Band (Beatles Music), Cafeteria
*Stiltwalker / Balloonist, throughout campus
*Planetarium Show: Cosmic Catastrophes, F-1001
*Joliet: A Multimedia Demo, T-1006, (Raffle for free multimedia training seminar)
*Stock Market Q&A, T-2000

3:30-4:30

*Windows '95 Demo, T-1006, (Raffle for free Windows '95 training seminar)

College Bowl wins second at Regional

JJC's College Bowl team defeated a team from Prairie State College (140 to -5) to win a second-place plaque at the South Suburban Regional College Bowl on March 29.

Kankakee Community College won the tournament, defeating JJC twice (175 to 130 and 235 to 10). Competing for JJC were Cynthia Fox, Elizabeth Palmer, Nancy Smith, and Tony Dziurawiec. William Yarrow of the English Department faculty coaches the team.

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classical solos, while in the second half, a few are chosen to present more modern tunes.

Recently, our group was asked to sing at the River Valley Conference Choral Festival on March 14. This was an unusual performance because it was held so early in the semester. In order to be ready, our director pushed us to memorize the music and even held an extra rehearsal to make sure we were ready. Although a few were nervous about the words to our 14-page song, the performance went really well.

Sharon Leve, the principal of Gardener-South Wilmington High School, commented, "My students and I had no idea there was such a fine group of singers so close to us. You can bet, however, now that we know, we'll be coming to some of your performances."

The best part about being in such a talented group is the satisfaction of knowing that we made someone else happier through our music.

To all of you singers out there I highly recommend this group. The director, Mr. Oxborrow, is excellent and the members work well with each other.

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JJC Soccer Club: Luis Sanchez, Jim Wallace, Todd White, Hector Algaranaz, Coach Cristobal Trillo and Ramon Ramirez.

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JJC SPORTS NOTES

Welcome!

Spring sport events are starting. Men's Baseball, Women's Softball and Men's Tennis play home games on the fields and courts adjacent to parking lot 4. Schedules are posted on the Athletic Department bulletin board. Check for cancellations at 729-9020, ext. 2431. Admission is free.

Sports Honors

The North Central Community College All Conference honors were announced at the Winter Sports Banquet on March 12.Freshman Matthias Kautzor-Schroder was named to the All Conference first team, freshman Michael Mines the second team and freshman Aurelio Rainer the third team.Sophomore Kyle Meents and freshman Joel House and Shawn Johnson received honorable mention.Coach Tim Johnson honored freshman Kisha Barefield with the Best Defensive Award. Barefield was also named to the All Conference first team. Sophomore Magen Sullivan and freshman Misti Temple made the third team. Cheerleading sponsor Pam Ethridge presented freshman cheerleader Michelle Killmer with the Spirit Award.

Men's Baseball - 9-12 as of April 8

Thursday, April 18	2:30 p.m.	Morton College	Dble.Hdr.
Saturday, April 20	12 noon	Triton College	" "
Thursday, April 25	2 p.m.	Waubonsee	" "
Tuesday, April 30	2 p.m.	Aurora-JV	" "

Women's Softball - 6-10 as of April 8

Thursday, April 18	3 p.m.	Kankakee Comm. College
Tuesday, April 23	3 p.m.	Harper College
Friday, April 26	3 p.m.	Highland Comm. College
Monday, April 29	3 p.m.	Elgin Comm. College

Men's Tennis - 1-6 of April 8

Saturday, April 20	12 noon	Illinois Valley
Tuesday, April 23	2:30 p.m.	Rock Valley
Wednesday, April 24	3 p.m.	College of St. Francis

Soccer Club combines hobby with a sport

By Paul Herris

One JJC club takes the enjoyment of a hobby and adds a sport. This is the JJC Soccer Club, started in 1994 by Cristobal Trillo.

Trillo is not only the club sponsor but also a Spanish and French teacher at JJC.

Trillo started in soccer as a boy in Spain.After graduating from the University of Granada in 1987, Trillo interned at the University of Northern Iowa, where he received his master's degree and began teaching foreign language.

The soccer club plays when they can get together, which is not often. This club has no financial support from JJC and no field, but they somehow get together and play matches, usually practice games with colleges that have actual soccer teams, such as Lakeland College, Triton College, and Morton College.

The soccer club played in The Pioneer Men's Five-A-Side Indoor Soccer Tournament February 3, in Wisconsin. The club placed fifth of eight teams—good because, as Trillo stated, "We get to practice about once a week."

The club consists of Trillo, a coach and player on the club, Jim Wallace, Tony Cristos, Pete Rago, Francisco Gonzalez, Hector Algaranaz, and Ozwaldo Moralez. Five of these came to JJC just to play on Trillo's club. Hector Algaranaz and Ozwaldo Moralez are from Bolivia.

Trillo, who is always looking for more people to join the club, stated, "It takes a lot of time and energy to put the practices and tournaments together by myself." The soccer club would like to become a team at JJC with financial support from the administration.

THE WORM HOLE

By Mark Gregory

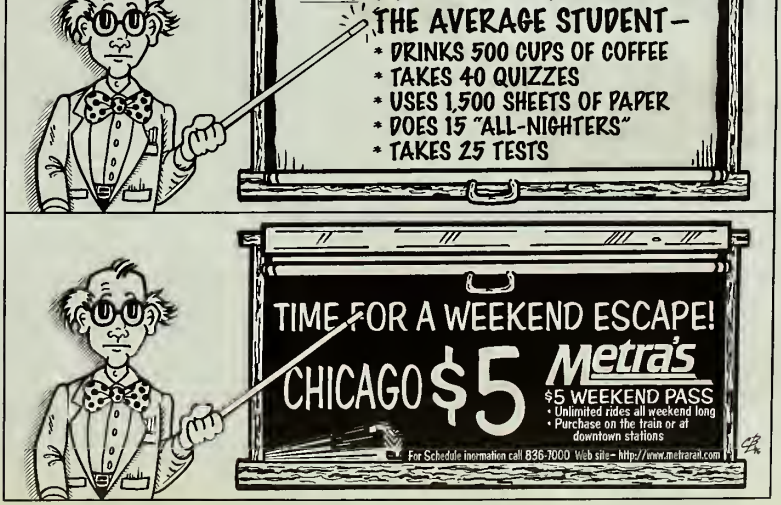
Hair: After the six-game suspension, Dennis is featuring bright red as a new color.

Worm Sighting: Not only is the newly redheaded Dennis holding up traffic on the Kennedy Expressway (on a billboard), the still blond version was turning heads in Joliet as well. On March 29 Rodman was on the Empress I. Unlike other celebrities who gamble in Joliet, Rodman sat with the local crowd as opposed to going into a private room.

The Suspension: It's over, drop it, don't say a word!! Thank you. Let's just hope he obeys that advice.

The Shoes: Rodman's new line of Nike shoes was released recently, and yes, the shoes are different. Instead of the conventional format, these shoes face up on the inside of the shoe. Perfect for Dennis, I guess, a little off-center.

Quote: Phil Jackson said of the new hair color, "Dennis looks best as a blond."



JJC's White Belt Judo wins 2nd at Regional

By Betha Cramer

JJC's White belt Judo team landed second place in the 1996 Midwest Regional Collegiate Judo Tournament on March 16 in Dubuque, Iowa. Loras College hosted the event.

JJC's team outclassed two combined Brown/Black belt teams; they were defeated by a Black belt team for the championship match. The members of JJC's White belt team are Chris Blomer (captain), Mark Bushel, Jeff Johnson, Tim Archer and Ron Igizio.

In individual events, all rank eategory results were Heavyweight Division, Leon Battiste-first place, Brown belt and Ron Igizio-second place, White Belt.

Lightweight Oivision Mark Bushel-first place, White belt; Flyweight Division, Don Martinez-first place, Brown belt.

Novice rank category (White-Green belts) Heavyweight, Ron Igizio-first place, White belt, Tim Archer-third place, White belt. Middleweight, Jeff Johnson-first place, White belt. Lightweight, Mark Bushel-first place, White belt. Chris Blomer-second place, White belt. Flyweight Mark Koemer-first place, Green belt and Jason Karkashird place, White belt.

The Judo Club has been active at JJC since 1989. The sponsor for the team is Sensei Greg Tilos, a 9th Dan, second to the highest achievement in Judo. The 22 members currently compete with other college clubs. Tilos would like judo to become part of the athletic program at JJC.

The members are training hard for the year's International Competition on May 26 in New York. Last year, Oon Martinez placed first in the National College Championship.

The Judo club meets at the JJC gym at 8 a.m. on Saturdays. Women are also encouraged to join the club, Tilos said. Any student or former student is eligible to join. For more information call 815-729-9020, ext. 2293.

Two sophs lead tennis

By Betha Cramer

Coach Tim Vanderwall is looking forward to a lot of quality tennis from JJC's men's tennis team. There are only five teams in the North Central Community College Conference. He said the College of OuPage is always one of the top teams in the conference, but Harper College looks really strong this year.

Vanderwall has two returning players, Jeremiah Porter and Brian Jarigese, both Lincoln-Way graduates. With the rest of the team consisting of freshman, he will rely on his returnees for their experience.

Mike Kelch (Lincoln-Way), Joe Stonich and Fred Offerman (both from Joliet Catholic) and Sean Callaghan and Erbert Manuel (Bolingbrook) will round out the team. Vanderwall said, "These are good players coming out of high school."

This year's conference tournament will be held at JC. The men will play their regional in Rockford on May 2-3 to qualify for nationals.

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Spring sports preview

Pitching looks outstanding

By Betha Cramer

Coach Wayne King will depend on his sophomores to lead this year's baseball. He said, "Right now, I am getting outstanding pitching. Our defense and hitting are sub-par." He expects both to improve, King added.

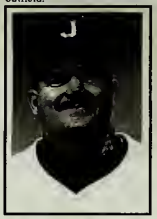
Sophomore pitcher Tony Smith is 4-0 with 1.04 ERA. Sophomore pitcher Joe Bocrs is 2-1 with 0.44 ERA. Kevin Quinn -batting 314 and Mark Raciti-batting 369 are two more sophomores in the line-up. Sophomores Bob Preston (batting 300), Jason Benedict and Brad Walsh add to King's roster.

Freshman pitchers Tim Withers, Mike Offendkamp and Mark Butler add to JJC's strong pitching suit. King noted, he has a lot of good freshman players this year, including Catchers John Randich and Mark Haglund, Infielders Justin Coners, Shane Johnson and Jason Loveland. Outfielders Cory Oillon, Bill Glasscock and Justin Halper. Rounding out the freshmen roster are Shawn Gibbons, Casey Vcehof, Paul Vogt, and Mike Wood.

King views the conference as no big deal. The Oivision III leaders, Harper College, College of OuPage, Waubonsee and Rock Valley, are the ones JJC has to beat to go back to the World Series. Assistant coaches are Mark Smith-pitching, Jamie Bear-hitting and Ron Kulwinski-outfield.

Jack Smith, Softball

Tim Vanderwall, Tennis



Wayne King, Baseball

Softball sets sights on College of DuPage

By Mark Gregory

"I think we will get better as the year goes on. We are performing as well as I thought we should be. We are scoring a lot of runs, but giving up more." No, this is not a survey of White Sox fans but rather the words of Softball Coach Jack Smith.

In my interview with Coach Smith, this die-hard baseball (and White Sox) fan learned not only a lot about the JJC girls softball team but about the sport itself. Like the fact that there are no rules as to a pitcher's innings pitched or days of rest between games, or the fact that a three-pitcher rotation is plenty. The three pitchers featured in this year's rotation are freshman Carrie McKenna from Plainfield; Christina Ponto, a sophomore from Bolingbrook, and the number-one starter All-Conference award winner, Trina Underdonk, a freshman from Bolingbrook.

Trina is joined by six more talented freshmen on the team, including a talented duo from Plainfield, Dani Fite (C/IF) and Mandy McKenna (OF). The other freshmen on the team are Minooka graduate Amie Benson (OF) and Jennifer Soto (OF) from Peotone. There are two more high school all-conference choices joining this year's team. They are Shelli Skonetski (IF) from Flanagan and Lockport grad Jodi Sievers (OF).

Although the Wolves feature a slew of talented freshman, the core of the team is always the sophomores, including last year's ace pitcher Amy Prieboy, who won 21 of the Wolves games last year. Their record last year was 25-23. This, among all the players losses, makes the job of the sophomores that much more important. This year five players return, including tri-captains Amie Casey (IF) from Lockport, who hit .424 last year; power hitter Amy Costanza (IF) from Lincoln-Way, who batted .345 last season; and Joliet West grad Karen Koerner (C/IF), who hit .320 as a freshman. The other two players returning are Carrie McKenna and Christina Ponto. The team also has one sophomore who is new to the team, Kelly Hartman (IF) from Rich South.

Although the team went a disappointing 1-7 on their spring trip to Florida, Coach Smith pointed out that they faced many four-year schools and junior colleges with 20 to 30 games already in this year. He also added that although he would like to win every game, he is not worried about the teams record in Florida. He notes that he feels that the tough competition only makes the team better.

Coach Smith said that the team was only a couple of wins behind where he thought they should be. As of press time, they are 6-10 overall and 1-0 at home. He also adds they are improving steadily. Right now they have four players batting over .320 and two over .400, including Trina Underdonk's team leading .438.

The team batting average is currently .307, and Coach Smith feels they will approach, if not surpass, last year's .336 hatting average.

They will need productive bats if they plan to beat the conference favorite, College of OuPage. COO is the team to beat in conference, but Coach Smith believes that if they can beat COO at least once, the Wolves can win conference. This, he adds, is a possibility.

JJC gets award

Joliet Junior College was awarded a continuing grant of $171,621 by the National Science Foundation for support of the Community College Physics Faculty Oevelopment Project. The national project is under the direction of JJC Physics Instructor Or. Curtis J. Hieggelke and Thomas L. O'Kuma, a Lee College (Texas) physics instructor. Grant funding for the project has totalled nearly $1.2 million.

Ambassadors--

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agement. In 1988 he moved to the East Coast and worked for the State University of New York at the North Country Community College as the Assistant Oirector of Admissions and later the Coordinator of Adult Student Outreach/Financial Aid.

Maniates and his wife were both born and raised in the Chicago area, have family here, and are happy to be back in the area.

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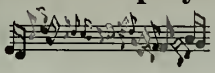

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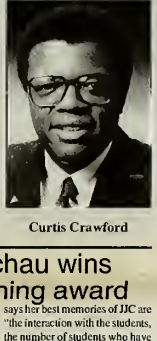
250 will graduate in May 10 ceremony

Mary Fran Lund-Overcash



Curtis Crawford

Noted alumnus, nursing grad to speak

By Stephen Hicks

Approximately 250 graduates will take part in JJC's eightieth annual commencement on Friday evening, May 10, in Wills Gymnasium. Student speaker will be nursing major Mary Frances Lund-Overcash, and guest speaker will be JJC alumnus Curtis J. Crawford, president of a highly successful electronics company on the East Coast.

Lund-Overcsh was profiled in the April 17 Blazer for her many achievements as a student. Crawford, a 1971 JJC graduate, is president of Microelectronics, a business unit of Lucent technologies, Inc., in New Jersey. Prior to assuming that position in February of this year, Crawford was president of AT&T Microelectronics.

Under his leadership, Microelectronics designs, manufactures and sells semiconductors and electronic components worldwide. The company has revenues of $3 million and a workforce of 18,000 people.

Crawford also is a graduate of Governors State University, with a bachelor's degree in 1972 and a master's in 1974. He received an MBA degree from Charles H. Kellstadt Graduate School of Business at DePaul University in 1977.

The auditorium and the bridge, which are air conditioned, will be open for use during the graduation ceremony, according to Bobbie Lara and Janet Drazen, who work for the Registrar's Office under the direction of Dr. Carolyn Engers. This office is responsible for many of the details of the graduation ceremony.

Seating in the gym is first come, first served, and no tickets are needed for the ceremony. Dr. Thomas Gamble, president, will be addressing his first JJC graduating class.

The JJC Board of trustees will present the Distinguished Service Award, which recognizes district residents who have made outstanding contributions to the community, at the May 10 exercises. Recipients of this year's awards are Richard L. Benton of Peotone, Dallas C. Ingemunson of Yorkville, and Don Weir of Shorewood.

Kestel-Branchau wins NISOD teaching award

By Sharline Sisk

Nursing instructor Colleen Kestel-Branchaw is the recipient of a 1996 NISDD (National Institute of Staff and Organizational Development) Excellence Award. The NISDD award recognizes outstanding contributions to teaching and learning.

Kestel-Branchaw will represent Joliet Junior College at a three-day NISDD International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence. The conference will be held in Austin, Texas, in May and will include a ceremony honoring the 1996 NISDD award recipients.

Although Kestel-Branchaw can be difficult to track down due to her hectic schedule, it is obvious that she enjoys her work a great deal. She says her best memories of JJC are "the interaction with the students, the number of students who have touched my life, and the number of lives I'm able to touch." She added, "My greatest joy is I'm able to combine two of the most dynamic careers, nursing and education."

Colleen was also a recipient of the Outstanding Teaching Award in April, 1995, at Joliet Junior College. She has taught in the Nursing Education Department for 10 years, the first five on a part-time basis.

She received her masters of science degree in nursing at Rush University in Chicago and her bachelor of science in nursing (B.S.N.) at the University of Illinois at the Medical Center.

Book buyback

Textbooks for the Summer I 1996 session went on sale April 22 in the Bookstore. The Bookstore will be open extended hours from 7:30 a.m. - 8 p.m. May 6-7 and May 13-14. On Saturday, May 11, the Bookstore will be open from 8 a.m. - noon.

Summer I books will also be on sale at JJC's North Campus from 8 a.m. - noon and 6-8 p.m. May 13-16.

The Bookstore also will accept textbooks from Spring 1996 semester. The Main Campus buyback will be from 9 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. May 6-9 and from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. May 10. The buyback at North Campus will be from 6-8 p.m. May 8.

Accounting meet draws 14 schools

Fourteen area high schools competed recently in the Joliet Junior College Accounting Contest held on the college's Main Campus.

Winning JJC Foundation scholarships were Andrea Clark, Lincoln-Way, $300; John Cumbee, Lincoln-Way, $300; Denise Klos, Lockport, $300; and Kevin Dirks, Lincoln-Way, $500.

Individual awards went to students from each of the participating schools. These schools were Coal City, Gardner-South Wilmington, Joliet Catholic, Joliet Central, Joliet West, Lemont, Lincoln-Way, Lockport, Minooka, Morris, Newark, Plainfield, Providence and Reed-Custer.

They walked a day in other shoes

Ten members of the college community, including administrators and student workers, spent two to three hours on April 22 and April 24 making their way around the campus under conditions simulating those of a student with a disability.

The participants' disability was picked from a fish bowl and included wearing a blindfold, traveling in a wheelchair, and others. They were assigned a chaperon to assist them when absolutely necessary.

The activity, called "A Day in My Shoes," was sponsored by Unstoppable Challengers. Participants obtained sponsors, with the hope that each would bring in a minimum of $25 in donations. Half the proceeds went to Unstoppable Challengers and half to United Cerebal Palsy. Unstoppable Challengers is a JJC campus organization devoted to making JJC accessible to all students.

The participants' assignment included starting at the bottom of J ramp and going through the electronic door into J. They then went through the Bookstore, trying to fit through all aisles. On the second floor they entered the Special Needs Tutor Room and Office. In the LRC they tried to look up a book and find it in the

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Photo by Lark Rains

Dr. Joelyn Ainley travels by chair.

Stephen Hicks named to head next year's *Blazer*

Photo by Lark Rains

***Blazer* staff, 1996-97.** Front row, left to right, Olivia Young, Editor Stephen Hicks, Mark Gregory. Back row, Lark Rains, Cynthia Chubb, Betha Cramer, Sponsor Marion Sorensen, Barb Lavin, Jason Maholy. Not present for the photo were Carmen Jewett, Johnny Russler, and Matt Ristau.

Stephen Hicks, JJC sophomore, has been named editor of the *Blazer* for the 1996-97 school year. Assisting Hicks will be a staff currently made up of the following returning students: Cynthia Chubb, production manager; Betha Cramer, sports editor; Barbara Lavin, advertising manager; Lark Rains, photographer; Johnny Russell, feature editor; Jason Maholy, columnist; Mark Gregory, sports writer; and Carmen Jewett, Matt Ristau, Olivia Young, news writers.

An editorial board composed of students in the News Reporting and Writing class, under the direction of Hicks, will plan and produce the *Blazer* . Marion Sorensen will continue as sponsor.

"Student participation is a sure-fire way to make the *Blazer* a great paper," said Hicks. "I want to start an editorial column and would really enjoy student feedback. I would also like art students who do cartoons to get involved. Maybe even a personals section for all of us single, attractive college students. I dare anyone to get involved with the *Blazer* ; it is addictive."

After attending Northern Illinois for one year, Hicks is working toward a degree in communications, radio broadcasting/ journalism. "Until two years ago, I was a service manager for a Ford dealership," says Hicks. "An unfortunate accident, which left me in a wheelchair, allowed me to come back to school." Hicks is currently a tutor in the Academic Skills Center.

Chubb, who has a bachelor's degree in biology and a 23-year career at Argonne in her background, is interested in changing careers. She is taking graphics and journalism courses at JJC as well as a computer graphics course at College of DuPage.

Craner is a freshman journalism major and a student worker in the Athletic Office. She is also a wife and mother who manages to juggle the many responsibilities of home and school without losing her cheerful outlook.

Lavin is a returning student who received her degree in sociology from Drake University. She is interested in changing fields and is concentrating on journalism and communication classes.

Rains will be a sophomore next year. Her major is photojournalism, and her hometown is Joliet. Johnny Russell will be continuing his communications studies at Lewis University but returning to JJC to take Journalism 201 and work on the *Blazer*. Jason Maholy is at JJC this spring after three semesters at Southern Illinois. His career choice, although somewhat undecided, will probably be media-related. He says his role models are Michael Jordan and Dennis Rodman.

Mark Gregory is a sophomore English/journalism major and a "die-hard sports fan." Carmen Jewett, from Morris, will complete her associates next year with a major in journalism. Olivia Young, whose major is broadcast journalism, will be transferring to Arizona State

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? BOX
By Johnny Russler

Last issue's ? pet peeves: Here are some of them. Crying children, homework, tan people with white armpits, sleeping late, driving pet peeves. Personally I hate when the phone rings before 11 A.M. And I get out of bed to answer a courtesy call!

Last ? of the year. It's May 1; what are you doing this summer?

On a final note, I would like to thank members and readers of the *Blazer* for a great opportunity and one helluva time. Thanx!

Pass finals and...
It's summertime!

By Johnny Russler

It's almost here!! All we have to do is get by finals. You know it; you love it; it's summertime! We're talkin' swimming pools, outdoor concerts, and backyard barbeques, baby! Let the sun shine and the heat make me sweat. In the state that seems to have a never-ending chill and winter as the dominant season, we can finally praise the sun god. With roughly three months off from school, what are we going to do?

Please pass the caviar, because some of us will take on Summer I and II. No break needed for these people. Let's just hop on the road to academic success and the future of our careers.

On the other hand, there are people who decide that school can wait till fall and that summertime means party time! What are some of the things that these good-life groovers can do? Well, let me suggest a summer class schedule-Johnny-style.

First things first! The first weekend that school is out you can have a "Thank God It's Over" party. You can sit around and reminisce about the good and educational (ahem!) times you had.

The next month, when the party ends, you can go to Margaritaville. June 1, 7, and 8 Jimmy Buffet is playing in our area. You can go to the concert and spend all your money on T-shirts and daiquiris. Then, for the rest of the month, go to your nearest pool and ponder why you have 20 Buffet shirts and no money.

July! The month of independence! This is a good month to celebrate how independent you are and go on vacation. Visit some remote island in the Caribbean or something on that order. Of course you do this after the day you wear American pride, barbeque, and watch your friend almost blow off his/her arm from fireworks.

Finally, when August

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Campus contrasts: Canada geese on lake; ground outside D entrance

Photo by Lark Rains

Letters to Editor

Dear Editor:

Why does Joliet Junior College compensate and condone theft?

Recently, one of my books grew wings. I set it down and turned my back to talk to a friend. Just like Houdini, it vanished. I did what any naive student might do. I went to the lost and found. You can imagine my shock to find that many other students were "in the same boat." I was told that book stealing is a profitable pastime for some students. To my amazement, our bookstore will pay you for stealing books! No question asked! No receipt needed! Bring any stolen book, that is in good condition, to our college bookstore and they will PAY YOU for IT!!

Dur bookstore has a policy of accepting "any" book from "anyone" during their book buy-back. At any other time, you must have a receipt to bring back a book. But, during their end-of-the-semester book buy back, they will buy any book without a receipt or any proof of ownership. I wonder what the Will County States Attorney would call that practice? Dealing in stolen merchandise, maybe? Conspiracy possibly? Complicity in theft? I am not sure of the specific charges: however, our bookstore condones the theft of books by not requiring a proof of ownership.

I have been told by both college security and our bookstore that if a receipt were to be required, the lines of students who want to sell their books would be long and very time-consuming. That is very hard to

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University some time next year, and Matt Ristau, journalism major from Lockport, will continue his studies at JJC.

"We had a great group of students functioning for the first time this semester as an editorial board for the *Blazer*," said Sorensen. "We'll miss our staff members who are transferring to four-year schools. Carolyn Chemich as fine arts editor, John Softcheck as movie reviewer, Dan Sloan as sports reporter, Sharline Sisk as a first-rate news reporter, and Paul Herris as both a straight news and sports reporter were unfailingly dependable and dedicated in their work on the staff."

fathom. I would think with a receipt, time in the book buy-back line should be shortened. I was told by our bookstore, "Students ean't hold on to receipts." To me, that is an insult. Most college students I know are very capable of handling a "complex set of instructions" such as "keep your receipt if you want to sell your books back to the store."

This college may teach Law and Criminal Justice, but obviously they do not practice what they preach.

Sincerely,
David Michael,
Bolingbrook

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Dear Editor:

This is for those of you who were involved with the drug and alcohol survey that was recently performed by the Health and Wellness Dfiice. When I did my article on drug and alcohol use, I was in tremendous pain from laughing so hard. The survey was given as a random sample, which means not everyone in school took the survey. Not only that, but random sample surveys are proven to be an accurate reflection of the majority's opinion. So what is my complaint? I really don't think that we were honest in filling out those surveys. A couple of statistics fueled my theory.

The first of my findings was that only 30 percent of the student body smoked marijuana once in the past year. C'mon, who do you think you're fooling? 20 percent of those students had used it in the past thirty days. I think those figures are very low, if you haven't guessed by now. Many of you know what I am talking about when you get a whif of the sweet-smelling herb on a warm, breezy, spring day just walking to the car in the parking lot. I am not a connoisseur of the drug myself, but I have used it in my lifetime. I do not condone the use of drugs, nor do I use, but I can smell it a block away: especially the "skunky" stuff. The second of the figures that blew my mind was that 98 percent of students said they knew someone who did drugs or alcohol. If that is on the mark, in my estimation wouldn't the percent of people who use it be significantly higher? Most college students tend to hang around with other college students, and they probably attend the same school. That means that just about everyone who attends JJC knows a user, and chances are that the percent of users attending our school is around 60 to 70 percent.

I took it upon myself to do some more research on marijuana at the college level. According to the latest statistics released by the U.S. government on the use of the drug at four-year colleges, the percents were as high as 72. For those enthusiasts who are dying to attend this college, the information is in our very own library. This is an astonishing figure, but it seems on the level. Just make some new friends and ask them if they smoke marijuana. Of course, ND will come barrelling out of their mouth, but a week later, catch them at a party in another room toking on a two-foot bong. Just come clean. It is the nineties, and the social consensus allows the drug to stay around. More people are doing it than ever before, and the statistics prove it.

No one knows who you are in the survey, so we should be more honest, let our inhibitions go. Tell people what we really think and what really happens. This is our right and our duty as citizens of this great country. In closing, if you smoke 'em, don't get caught; if you push the stuff on government property (like a school) it's a federal offense.

Stephen Hicks

Two from English go to Allerton

Ted Thompson and William Yarrow of the Department of English and Foreign Languages attended the 1996 Allerton Community College/ University English Articulation Conference April 10-12.

The conference addresses matters of interest to writing instructors. Yarrow presented a paper entitled "Invalidity in Interpretation: A Taxonomy of Student Misreading."

Do you know?

Question: What's a SYNYM code?

Answer: The code that continuing students will need to input for every course when registering by the touch-tone telephone method.

Entrance smoke is hazardous to health

By Paul Herris

The clock strikes 9:50 a.m. and class is dismissed. You're walking down the hall, then the stairs, and finally take the corner and head out the door. Expecting to hit that cold air, you are hit with a face-full of lingering, stagnant cigarette smoke. Right, you know the place, the area between A-B-C Buildings.

This area is always filled with cigarette smoke in the morning. Students and teachers believe that this area should be closed off from smoking. The A-B-C enclosure houses the Daycare Center, where many children spend the day. Kris Koyas, a JJC sophomore, believes, "These poor, innocent kids don't need to be endangered by these smokers, who do nothing but create unhealthy conditions for everyone."

Although many people do not want to be exposed to second-hand smoke, they know that smokers do have rights. These rights let the smoker enjoy their cigarette in designated areas as outlined in the Illinois Compiled Statutes Laws. Illinois Compiled Statute 80/5 (Smoking Areas) states, "A person establishing such areas shall utilize existing physical barriers, ventilation systems, and other physical elements of the premises to minimize the intrusion of smoke into areas where smoking is not permitted."

This law establishes a way for smokers and non-smokers to live together without violating the rights of either.

Since the smoke from the A-B-C enclosure can easily drift into buildings through the doorways, does JJC violate IL Statute 80/5?

According to IL Statutes, JJC lies on the borderline between right and wrong. It is right because it has established a designated area for smokers. On the other hand, it created an area that violates proper ventilation and does not minimize the intrusion of smoke into areas where smoking is not permitted.

JJC does not have to satisfy just one statute. JJC has to satisfy IL Statutes 80/5, 5/10 - 20.5b, and 5/34 - 18.11, which deal with designated smoking areas and tobacco prohibition.

IL Statutes 5/10 - 20.5b and 5/34 - 18.11 both deal with the use of tobacco on school property. These statutes state, "The Board of Education shall prohibit the use of tobacco on school property when such property is being used for any school purposes."

Most non-smokers on campus appreciate the statutes. Don Ernst, criminal justice teacher, comments, "People have their rights, and I have my rights. I have the right to walk away from their smoke, and they have the right to put it out."

Summertime--

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comes around, you break! You have only two weeks to date, party, and vacation. Not only that, but are you going to wear that old shirt from last year? I didn't think so. You have to go shopping. Then at the end of the month it's back to school.

Till then, I hope I see you guys having fun---and wearing a Buffet T-shirt!

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Trio of band performances starts tonight

By Carolyn Chernich

The JJC Percussion Ensemble, directed by Terry Peeples, will perform its spring concert tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theatre. This ensemble, which has only been in existence for two years, consists of ten people. Some members of the group are music majors adding this experience as part of their education. There are also a few juniors and seniors in high school participating. Peeples says that this is a very diverse group using all areas of percussion, such as snare drum, mallots, tympani, drum set and multiple percussion.

Peeples graduated from JJC in 1987 and went to Illinois State to receive a BA in music performance with a minor in music education. After ISU he received his masters degree from Western. Peeples says that one day he will pursue a doctorate, but he is not quite ready for that step. Peeples is very excited about tonight's concert. He says the opening number is a piece done by the famous group Stomp, using brooms and possibly a vacuum cleaner. The closing number will be Gloria Estefan's Conga, with a horn section added to the percussion. This will be a very exciting performance. Anyone who has the free time should stop in and check this talented group out.

JJC's Jazz band and Community Band will present their spring concerts this coming weekend. Both are directed by Jerry Lewis, chairman of the Fine Arts Department.

Both concerts will take place in the Fine Arts Theatre. The annual Spring Jazz Concert will take place at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 3. The Community Band will perform Sunday, May 5, at 3 p.m.

The Jazz Band will perform "I Get the Blues When It Rains" arranged by Sammy Nestico; "St. Thomas" by Sonny Rollins; "Mingus" by Chuck Israels; "Home At Last" arranged by Dave Wolpe; "A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square" arranged by Frank Mantooth, featuring Chuck Morgan on trombone and Jerry Lewis on trumpet; "Camel Rise" by George Cables; "No More Blues" by Antonio Carlos Jobim; and "A Trip to N'Awlins" by Neal B. Finn.

Eleni Andriadidis, a talented female vocalist, will be featured on "Stormy Weather" and "Fly Me To The Moon." Student soloists will include Hiram Grisby, alto saxophone; Jeff Thompson, tenor saxophone; Chuck Morgan, Carlos Esquivel, and Bill Aldridge, trombone; Ken Kleager, trumpet; James Stegall, and Dusten Maves, drums; Ron Sarver, guitar; and Renny Moretti, piano.

The Community Band will include "The World Is Waiting for The Sunrise" by Harry L. Alford; "Italian in Algiers" arranged by Lucien Caillier; and "Shakata" by Dana Wilson. This unusual selection deals with the creation myth of the Australian Aborigines, who believe the world was called into existence with a song. The band will then perform "The Whistler and His Dog" by Arthur Pryor, featuring Jim Morris on piccolo. The first half of the concert will conclude with "Fantasy on Osaka Folk Tunes" by Hiroshi Ohguri. Mr. Ohguri is one of Japan's finest composers, having written this piece in 1974 for the Osaka City Band and its American premiere in 1987 at the American Bandmasters Association Convention in Knoxville, Tennessee.

The second half of the concert is on the lighter side opening with "The Walking Frog," a ragtime march by Karl King; "Highlights from Showboat," by Jerome Kern and Oscar Hammerstein; "Turkey in the Straw," a delightful piece by Lewis J. Buckley; "The Magic of Andrew Lloyd Webber," featuring selections from "Cats," "Jesus Christ, Superstar," "Evita," and "Phantom of the Opera." The concert will conclude with "The Invincible Eagle" by John Philip Sousa.

For both concerts admission is $3 for adults, $2 for students and senior citizens, and $1 to all Joliet Junior College faculty, students and staff.

The JJC Jazz Band will become a community jazz band in the 1996 fall semester. The group is open to all residents of District 525 that play a typical jazz band instrument. The group will meet on Wednesday evening from 7:00 to 9:54 p.m. beginning August 28. The class may be taken for credit or non-credit. For further information, contact Jerry E. Lewis at (815) 729-9020, extension 2232.

Percussion Ensemble prepares for an exciting performance.

Arts Corner
By Carolyn Chernich

FINAL NOTE

Although this is my last semester at JJC, it was my first semester of journalism. I took editing and production as an extra class but became really interested in it. When I go to Illinois State in the fall, journalism will be my major with a minor in writing.

Being arts editor of the Blazer changed my career choice from English to journalism. Even though I will be moving on to bigger things in the future, I will always be grateful to Mrs. Sorensen and the Blazer staff, where I got my start.

Students direct one-act plays

Student directors Brand'n McShaffrey and Manuel J. Tamayo presented two evenings of one-act plays on April 2 and 3. These studio productions provided both directors with the chance to further develop their skills and offered several opportunities for JJC and community actors to work with challenging dramatic literature, Fine Arts faculty members explain.

Brand'n directed excerpts from Jane Martin's *Vital Signs*. This collection of monologues focused on the sometimes tragic, sometimes comic experiences of women in today's society and featured an ensemble of actresses including Joellen Cioni, Mary Clarke, Lisa Pitelka, Jennifer Riordan, and Audeni Rojas.

Manuel Tamayo presented *The Zoo Story*, Edward Albee's famous dramatic tale of alienation. The production featured Dan Grimes as "Jerry" and Dann Franke as "Peter."

····· Now playing: movie reviews by Softy ·····

Executive Decision: Kurt Russel as an action hero? Yessir- (catch the vintage John Carpenter film *Big Trouble in Little China*)! If you're into the whole plane/hostage/terrorist motif (a la *Delta Force* and *Passenger 57*) you won't be disappointed. While some of the storyline is formulaic, a good deal of new ground was covered, and the stock characters are well-played classics. I give kudos to Segal, who is willing to stretch a character the extra mile for the sake of film. My top pick of the month.

Diabolique: I know half of you will see this just beeause of Sharon Stone. The other half won't for, well, pretty much the same reason. Whatever your feelings are about Ms. Stone, *Diabolique* deserves a chance as one of the first big thrillers for 1996. The story is a mix of dark, disturbing imagery and light, even comical moments. Based on a 1955 French film, Stone stars as the mistress of newcomer Isabelle Adjani's husband (Chazz Palminter) who befriends her abusive lover's wife and conspires to kill him. The ending is somewhat reminiscent of the *Friday the 13th* series, but first-class performances all around make up for a slightly predictable plot.

Faithful: 1995 marked the beginning of Chazz Palminteri's shift from supporting to lead actor, and 1996 could be his breakthrough year. He has, unfortunately, been restricted to the wicked husband stereotype ever since *Jade*. *Faithful* finally breaks the pattern, casting him as the wicked husband's hired gun ... I've never been much of a fan, but her performance as the naive wife was bearable. *Faithful* fans won't be doing her a disservice by waiting for video.

Primal Fear: Richard Gere gives his usual just-short-of-Oscar-worthy performance as the slimy defense attorney everyone loves to hate. Although this film bears resemblance to Judd Nelson's 1987 film *From the Hip*, the lawyer is far less sympathetic. While the storyline is weak, the courtroom comedy and love story with prosecutor Laura Linney is excellent. Even newcomer Edward Norton as the accused and abused defendant is suprisingly strong. *Primal Fear*'s major problems are the repeated attempts to deal with heavy social and psychological issues. The film's morality and intense drama detract from the lighter moments. See it in the theater, but make it an early show. You'll save a few bucks and it won't kill the evening.

A thin Line Between Love and Hate: Spring is the season of romantic comedies. Comedian Martin Lawrence (*Bad Boys*) stars in a familiar tale of fatal attraction. Nothing really new here, but definitely wait for video, this is one to rent when you just want to sit back and laugh.

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Cato and Fabrycki retire at semester's end

By Carmen Jewett

"As you travel through life, you come to many stumbling blocks, but you can overcome them," states Nursing Instructor Laura Cato. Her next challenge will begin on May 10, 1996 - retirement.

Cato has already come up with ideas to fill her new leisure time. She enjoys gardening, fishing, being outdoors, and traveling around the United States and she plans to pursue all of these interests more.

Cato has taught at JJC since 1974. Prior to her coming here, she taught at St. Joseph School of Nursing for three years.

Cato said that the reason she went into nursing was that "I always thought I would enjoy the nursing field."

She graduated from DuPaul University in St. Louis with a diploma in nursing in 1953. Right after graduation she went to work at Bornes Hospital. After she got married, she moved to Joliet and has lived here for 38 years.

Cato worked at Silver Cross Hospital from March 1, 1958, to 1971 before beginning her teaching career.

Along with teaching, she is also an academic advisor and

Photo by Lark Rains
Laura Cato

was the Nursing Club sponsor for 15 to 16 years.

Cato says her fondest memories include "moving into the new building" and having worked with different colleagues throughout the years. She also loves being an academic advisor. She enjoys working with students in other ways too.

What she will miss most is the interaction with students. She finds the most pleasure in encouraging "nontraditional" students such as older men and women to continue school. Cato says people should "never give up their dreams; they're worth working hard for."

Cato attributes her good attitude to her parents, who always motivated her and told her "There is no such word as can't; tell yourself you can."

Cato is very enthusiastic about the new measures to promote good relations between the administration and faculty. In early March there was a dinner/dance held at the Renaissance Center for the faculty and administration. This dinner/dance was planned by the new administration and there is already another one planned for next year. She feels JJC is on a "positive track" now.

In late summer or early fall Cato and her husband plan to move back to Missouri. She wants to be close to her mother and brother; she says they are a close-knit family. Cato will be living on a 138-acre farm, which includes a small lake, deer, and wild turkey. It is also only 60-70 miles away from Branson.

Nursing Department Chairman Michaelene Nash said of Cato,"Laura has been an inspiration, mentor and friend to many of us on the nursing faculty. I will miss her candor and spirit. She has touched me both personally and professionally."

William Fabrycki, instructor in the Department of Fine Arts since 1976, is retiring at the

Photo by Lark Rains
Bill Fabrycki

end of the semester. The courses he teaches are design and art history.

In addition to being an artist whose work is shown in a number of area studios, Fabrycki is a talented poet with a number of publications to his credit. Most recently his poetry has appeared in Onionhead, the San Francisco Poetry Journal, and Orphic Lute.

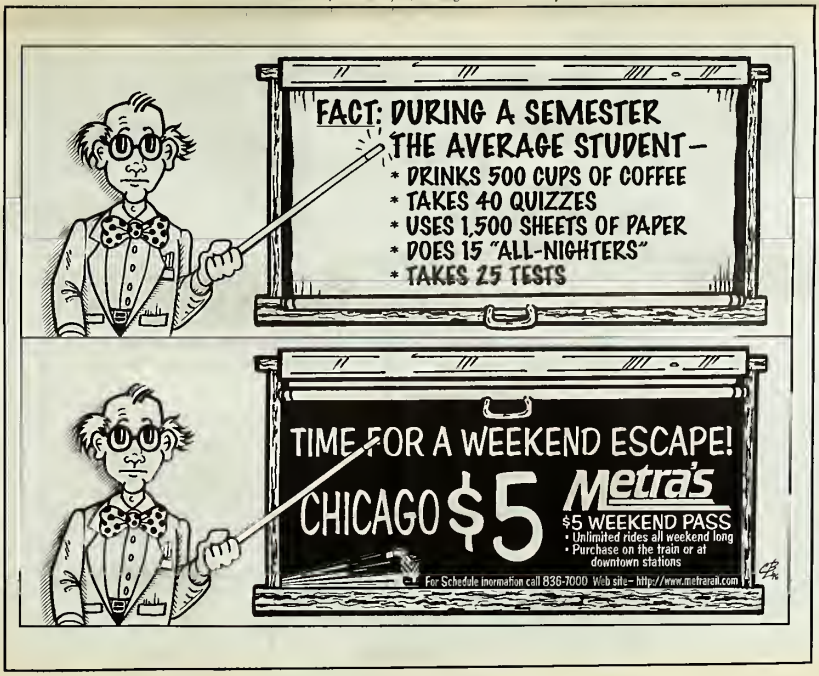
A skilled reader of poetry, Fabrycki most recently read selections from his own poems at the campus poetry reading on April 18. He has also directed several campus productions, Sartre's No Exit and Beckett's Waiting for Godot.

Fabrycki has his bachelor of science in education and his master of arts degree from Ball State University and his master of arts from Governors State University. His prior teaching experience before coming to JJC was on the faculty of St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana; Indiana University in South Bend; and St. Lawrence College, Kingston, Ont., at which he was department chairman. The most satisfying aspects of his teaching career at JJC, Fabrycki says, have been his continuing participation in art activities and his interaction with students and colleagues.

The Fine Arts Department has already held a "Goodbye" luncheon for Fabrycki, said Department Chairman Jerry Lewis.

"Bill is truly an outstanding teacher," Lewis commented. "I know this because of feedback from the students. Because of his reputation as a fine instructor, his classes fill quickly."

"He is very professional," Lewis added. "He is always actively involved with studios in and around the Joliet area and in Chicago. We have been colleagues since 1981, and it has always been a pleasure to work with him. I have the utmost respect for him as a fellow teacher and am pleased to call him my friend."



T Dedication and celebration of 95 years

Vera C Smith, guest of honor at the dedication of T Building, listens intently to speaker Jack Gneken, founder of MCI. Far left, Dr. Thomas Gamble, JJC president, escorts Mrs. Smith, who donated so generously to T in memory of her husband, Arthur G. Smith. The Arthur G. and Vera C. Smith Business and Technology Center houses the Business, Computer and Technological Programs as well as a Conference Center.

The clown on stilts was popular with the many children attending.

Many visitors enjoy the day of celebration

The dedication of the Arthur G. And Vera C. Smith Business & Technology Center and the celebration of JJC's ninety-fifth birthday drew a crowd of visitors from the area as well as JJC students and staff to the campus Sunday, April 21. Jack Goeken, founder of MCI, was guest speaker at the dedication, at which Mrs. Smith was guest of honor. Numerous exhibits and demonstrations throughout the campus drew spectators. Birthday cake, coffee, and punch were served to all guests at refreshment tables on the bridge.

An ice sculpture carved by culinary arts students decorated the reception area of T-Building.

All photos by Jen Chubb

Poetry readers grow in number

Faculty and staff at JJC read their own poems April 18 at the third annual Poetry Reading held at the college. Anyone interested in attending or participating was welcome.

Readers were Ted Thompson, Johnnie Johnson, John Schroeder, Barbara Eaton, William Fabrycki, Bill Yarrow, Andy Neill, John Stobart, Jim Wall, Patrina Hayes, and Sean Clark.

Bill Yarrow of the Department of English and Foreign Languages is the facilitator of the Poetry Readings. They are held in the studio of the LRC.

Several program participants expressed their appreciation to Yarrow for fostering poetry reading on campus. They commented that attendance is growing and that the opportunity to read is drawing a variety of participants, scientists as well as English teachers.

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Veterans to address Native American Club

Two American war veterans, both Comanches, will speak at the Native American Club meeting this evening at 7 p.m. in J0006.

Dick Red Elk is a World War II veteran and code talker. He was one of 18 Comanches originally recruited by the U.S Army, of which 14, including Red Elk, served in the European theater. He and his fellow Comanche code talkers were assigned to the Fourth Division Signal Corps and traveled with different regiments throughout the war.

According to Red Elk, they usually passed classified messages, which often had to do with troop strengths, movements and weaponry. He said, "Whenever we sent a message, it was short, sweet and to the point!"

Eleanor McDaniels is a Desert Storm Veteran. She will discuss the tradition of the warrior and the women as warriors in Native American society. The talks will be followed by a question-and-answer period. Anyone wanting more information about the club may call the sponsor, Fred Harris, in Media Services, Ext. 2566.

SOFTY'S MOVIE REVIEWS--

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Sgt. Bilko: If you're not into Steve Martin s unorthodox style of comedy, *Sgt. Bilko* is not for you. Martin stars as the title character from an old TV show. Don't bother hunting down old copies of the show, either. From what I gather Martin's version is as funny as (though not necessarily true to) the original. Sgt. Bilko is, you guessed it, a bumbling military man who just can't get the hang of all the rules and regulations. While there are better Steve Martin movies out there, we die hard fans have already seen them a million times, and are constantly looking for his new material.

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Math-CIS to be two departments

Nelson Collins will chair the Mathematics Department and Ram Raghuraman will chair the Computer Information and Office Systems Department effective July 1, 1996, college administrators have announced.

This reflects a division of the former Math-Computer Information Systems Department, which Collins had chaired: The primary reason for dividing these areas relates to the nature of and expected further expansion of the CIOS Department, explained Dr. Thomas E. Gamble, JJC president.

"Nelson Collins has done a masterful job of leading the combined department," Gamble said, "but the importance and priority of both areas for a broad spectrum of instruction and future development suggested that these two areas should stand alone. Ram Raghuraman has been serving as the CIS Coordinator in the current department; thus it was believed to be in the best interest of a smooth transition that he assume the chairmanship of the new department."

In reviewing the decision of whether to divide the original department, Dr. Gamble and Dr. James Lepanto, vice-president for Academic Affairs,considered faculty input.

Crowd views health exhibit

Numerous students and visitors viewed the exhibits in C Concourse and on the Bridge and attended seminars at the Health Fair 96 held at JJC Wednesday, April 17.

Sponsored by the Wellness Committee and the Office of Student Services and Activities, the Health Fair was part of the college's Holistic Wellness Program. The mission of this program is to assist students in striving for healthy, safe and productive lives, according to the program sponsors.

Exhibits were on view from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Seminars were presented in three one-hour and forty-five-minute time periods starting at 10 a.m. and ending at 1:45 p.m. Seminar topics included career planning for the next millenium, financial advising, health sun and fun: hot spots '96, resume writing and interviewing, a culinery arts demo, down and dirty self-defense techniques, safe home environment, reflexology, stopping smoking, relaxation, and back pain in sport's injuries.

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JJC SPORTS NOTES

WORKSHOP

The Joliet Junior College Total Fitness Center will sponsor a Basic Physical Fitness Specialist program presented by the Cooper Institute for Aerobic Research. The five-day workshop costs $550 and will be offered July 8 - 12. The program is designed to provide training for health and fitness professionals, personal trainers and rehabilitation personnel. Contact the Fitness Center for more information at 729-9020 ext.2257.

CHEERS

Cheerleading sponsor Pam Ethridge has announced the selection of the 1996-97 Cheerleading Squad. They are as follows: Sophomores Michelle Clem (Plainfield), Vita Jackson (Bolingbrook), Michelle Killmer (Lockport), Renee Kowalski (Lockport), Anna-Marie Lee (Providence), Jamey Cartilla (Providence), Killi Phillips (Morris) and Shannon Schoenadel (Lockport). Freshman Missy Boudreau (Morris), Lisa Poole (Joliet Central), Kerry Riegel (Lockport), Torey Strait (Morris) and Mandy Sutter (Seneca).

TOURNAMENT

Regional play for the Men's baseball team is May 10-12 at Waubonsee College. Times will be announced. Women's softball regional will be May 4-7 with place and times to be announced. Men's tennis will play its regional at Rockford on May 2-4. Times will be announced.

CORRECTIONS

In the April 17 issue's story about the JJC Judo team, two errors were made: Don Martinez placed first in the International College Championship. The name of Jason Farkash was misspelled.

WANTED

The JJC **Women's Tennis** team is looking for interested, energetic women to become members. Coach John Stobart needs at least four players but definitely could use more than this. The season starts on September 1 and ends on October 12. There is a Summer II class being offered by Stobart. There is also a spring trip in the works if a team is formed. Anyone interested in joining the team can contact Stobart at ext. 2361 here at JJC.

TICKLER

Q: Did you hear the White Sox cannot sell beer this season?

A: They lost their opener.

Shootin' the Bull

By Mark Gregory

Broken Record: Well, they did it. The Chicago Bulls have set the record for number of wins in a regular season. With their four-point victory over the Bucks, they broke the record held by the 1971-72 L.A. Lakers. Now the questions being posed are: Does this make the Bulls the greatest team ever? And, will this record mean anything without a title? My personal answers are yes and no, respectively. There is no doubt they are the best ever, but nothing matters without a championship ring. As of press time, the Bulls had extended their record to 71 games by beating the Detroit Pistons.

Bull(s) S@*&: Just a little side note for any of you who thought it would be cool to see a Bulls playoff game. You still can. It's called T.V. Take it from personal experience I was up at 4:45 a.m. to get tickets when they went on sale. We were at the United Center by 6:20. The lines were not supposed to form until 7:00, but we were half way around the United Center. Also, the people who got tickets were the ones who blatantly broke the rules given by the Bulls about camping out. Anyone who was at the stadium at 10 p.m. Friday night got a lottery ticket and was eligible for four playoff tickets Well, thank God for T.V.

Walk in other shoes--

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library using the reference computers.

Next assignment was a trip to the Cafeteria. They went into the bathroom to wash hands; they got coffee, a soda with ice and filled a plate at the salad bar Then it was time to eat.

After lunch they crossed the Bridge, tried to get a drink out of a water fountain, and made their way through G, D, B, A, and T Buildings, using elevators, doors, and handicap ramps.

Participants included Dr. Joelyn Ainley, Dr. Thomas Gamble, Orlando Lewis, and Carina Jaksha on Monday and Fred Bettarelli, Marissa Johnson, George Maniates, Lisa Sassamor, Carol Smith and Kurt Perignon on Wednesday.

Center will tutor for final exams

The Academic Skills Center will be offering group tutoring in math and chemistry in preparation for finals. Call (815)-729-9020 ext. 2284 regarding room location and time of sessions.

Barefield gets national recognition

By Dave Parker

Joliet Junior College's freshman point guard Kisha Barefield has been named to the 1996 National Junior Athletic Association Division III All-American second team.

The 5-foot-5 Barefield, a 1995 Joliet township High School graduate who helped the JT's girls' team to consecutive (1994 and '95) appearances at the Illinois High School Association Class AA state tournament quarterfinals, was a major cog for the Lady Wolves in 1995-96.

Besides being JJC's second-leading scorer with an 11.7 point per game average, Barefield topped the team in these categories: rebounding (7.3 per game average), assists (7.8) and steals (3.2).

Barefield had one of the finest performances in JJC women's basketball history during a 75-74 romp over Harper College. She had a triple-double with 20 points, 12 steals and 12 assists.

Despite playing point guard, Barefield topped the Lady Wolves for most rebounds in a game when she grabbed 16 caroms against Kalamazoo (Mich.) Community College.

Barefield was a North Central Community College Conference first-team All-Conference pick. She made the all-region IV second squad. Barefield played for Coach Tim Johnson.

Former JJC standout Tracy Kuder, who prepped at Morris (IL) Community High School, was a two-time NJCAA Division III first-team All-American selection. Kuder was named to the 1993 and 1994 NJCAA Division III AllAmerican first-team units.

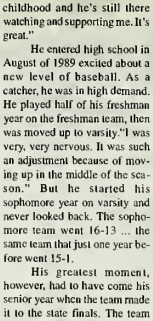
Kisha Barefield

'For the love of the game'

By Dan Sloan

When I was asked to do an interview with Mark Raciti, I was relieved to see that I had at least one easy assignment this semester. You see, after knowing Mark since the first grade and playing baseball with him through high school, I had a slight head start. Webster defines passion as the object of any strong desire. That's the word I would use to describe Mark and his love for the game of baseball.

Without the encouragement of some family members, Mark might not ever have started playing baseball. His older brothers would play catch with him and he finally got interested. "About that time I just wasn't really into sports, but then at eight years old I wanted to try it and it just took off." And did he ever take off. His father was the stepping stone for his baseball success. Having been coached by him until the age of 14, he learned a lot from dad. "He's been there through my whole childhood and he's still there watching and supporting me. It's great."

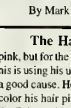


Mark Raciti

He entered high school in August of 1989 excited about a new level of baseball. As a catcher, he was in high demand. He played half of his freshman year on the freshman team, then was moved up to varsity."I was very, very nervous. It was such an adjustment because of moving up in the middle of the season." But he started his sophomore year on varsity and never looked back. The sophomore team went 16-13 ... the same team that just one year before went 15-1.

His greatest moment, however, had to have come his senior year when the team made it to the state finals. The team was looking for its fortieth win to go against just two losses but was shot down in a 5-4 loss in extra innings. "Yes, we should have won, but we just missed out, even though I feel we were still the best team." I agree.

After high school, Mark found his place at JJC and is currently hitting .369. He loves the people he plays with and says he is looking for some great things this year from the Wolves. "I think our chances of going back to the World Series are good. We have a large freshman-based team and we are always getting better." So he on the look-out for another championship.



THE WORM HOLE

By Mark Gregory

The Hair: Yes, it is pink, but for the first time Dennis is using his unique style for a good cause. He was asked to color his hair pink in honor of the fight against breast cancer. He agreed, citing that his aunt had breast cancer.

Good-Bye: Well, Dennis said on a recent interview on WMVP radio he doesn't think he will be in Chicago next year. Just as Rodman announces he may not be here next year, we bid farewell for this year. We do hope to be back next year covering the Bull's power forward. But if not, how does "The Caffey Shop" sound for a title?

17 JJC players win scholarships

By Betha Cramer

Coach John Rossetti has reported that 17 JJC football players have been offered scholarships. Shawn Banks, offensive tackle, signed a scholarship at Alcorn State University. Craig Barham, quarterback, is on scholarship at Linderwood College. Raymond Butler, offensive center, signed at Kentucky State University and was also offered a scholarship at Alcorn State.

Ceddrick Cummings, wide receiver, signed at Northern Iowa. Harlan Griffin, running back, is on scholarship at Tiffin University. James Krug, offensive guard, signed at Olivet Nazarene University. Ronnie Paul, wide receiver, signed at Chadron State College.

Jed Hartweg, offensive guard, also signed at Chadron State College. Damon Williams, defensive lineman, signed at Fort Hays State University. Tony Rubeo, line backer, has been offered a scholarship at Tiffin University and a partial scholarship at the University of Indiana. Albert Thomas, defensive back, has been tentatively offered a scholarship at Kentucky State and Midwestern State of Texas.

Matt Barrett, offensive guard, has an offer to play at Saint Ambrose University and Baker University. Brian Roberts, defensive lineman, has been offered scholarships at Saint Ambrose University, and Baker University has also shown interest. Steve Gall, offensive guard, has been offered grant-and-aid at the University of Wisconsin.

Dan D'Donnell, kicker, has been accepted with a grant-and-aid package at the University of Findlay. Kevin BayAnderson, quarterback, has been offered a scholarship at Glenville State College. Ken Drake, defensive back, has signed a scholarship at Edinboro University.

Classroom in Wyoming

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'Main Street' leads to club involvement

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BLAZER

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'Main Street' has something for everyone

Jo Stworzyjanek, secretary in the office of Student Services and Activities, gets help from Student Worker Nancy Smith in preparing for the 'Main Street' displays offered yesterday and today by campus clubs.

Booths offer facts to club shoppers

By Stephen Hicks

Students have been strolling down Mainstreet on the JJC bridge yesterday and today. Mainstreet presents services, programs and opportunities available to students on campus. It is sponsored by Student Services and Activities.

This year's theme is "Go Bananas!" Mainstreet featured a gorilla handing out real bananas on Tuesday, the start of open house. Mainstreet also featured Karioke and a Karioke contest, all on Tuesday. Today features a Trivia Bowl. Teams will participate against one another using Trivial Pursuit questions. This is similar to the College Bowl, which is a team of students that compete locally and regionally in academic competition, sponsored by Bill Yarrow.

All campus clubs are required to participate in Mainstreet in order to receive funding for their program. More than 35 clubs and organizations are on hand for the open house. The purpose of having the open house is to get student interaction with the clubs and hopefully to increase overall participation.

Mainstreet is one of the few traditions at Joliet Junior College, according to Marisa Johnson, director for Student Services and Activities. Raffles and prizes will be given away to students that participate in the Mainstreet festivities. Mainstreet will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today.

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Enrollment moves up by 5 percent

By Liz Vivaneo

Fall enrollment figures have improved 5% from last year. As of August 28, the college had 86,392 credit hours as opposed to 82,217 on the comparable date last year, according to Enrollment Management. Headcount is 9,821, up from 9,533.

The largest increases of enrollment figures were for Asian females (54.5%), followed by Pacific Island males (50%) and females (33.3%). Another significant increase was for Hispanic females (24.8%). The Technical Department experienced a 29.4% increase, while the Agriculture and Culinary Departments followed closely with 13.2% and 5.82%, respectively.

The 50-59 age group had the highest percentage of increase (9.9%) of all the age groups represented at Joliet Junior College. According to George Maniates, dean of Enrollment Management, the reason a larger number of mature people are registering for classes is that they

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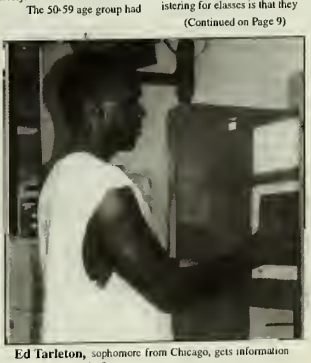
Kiosks speed service

Student kiosk terminals available at seven campus locations provide students with immediate access to ten college services.

"The kiosk system is a result of an effort by the college's first cross-functional team in continuous quality improvement to provide students with quick, accurate and complete information," explains Dr. Carolyn Engers, dean in charge of Registration, Records and Counseling. "We encourage students to familiarize themselves with the kiosks and make use of their services."

Kiosks are located at North Campus and on the Main Campus outside the evening school office (J-1007), inside the main entrance door to J-Building, in the counseling office (J-1037), in E Building near the math office, in the hallway between A and T Buildings and on the first floor of T-Building, front entrance, past the conference center to the double door.

The services they provide include a print-out of the student's course schedule, a deferred payment contract, a bookstore loan application, graduation application, a change of pin code, a grade inquiry involving viewing and printing final grades, an unofficial transcript (advisor's summary), a view of open and closed classes, a good student driver discount letter, and a verification of enrollment.



Ed Tarleton, sophomore from Chicago, gets information from a kiosk in the J-entry.

From the desk of the Editor

By Stephen Hicks

Here's a riddle for you. What can you sit on, sleep on, and brush your teeth with? While you ponder the question, here are some important notes to whet the appetite.

Welcome back to all returning students, faculty, and administration and all you freshman who have been roaming the halls with a blank stare on your face. It is the start of the fall semester, and the place is a madhouse. Construction on the roof, the droves of people swarming the school making it nearly impossible to get anywhere promptly, and the agony of trying to get started after a long summer. These are the things that I love most, and it puts me right at home. It is like coming home from vacation knowing you get to sit in your own chair, sleep in your own bed, and brush your teeth with the toothbrush of old.

I spoke to Chief Gerald Zehorowski from our campus police last week, and future editions should include our local police brief. Watch out, criminals; these officers are not rent-a-cops. They have complete jurisdiction and will prosecute offenders. The chief asks students to please be aware of the officers directing traffic, and more importantly, the flashing yellow light on the entrance road. The yellow light tells students when the lot in front of J-building is full. This not only helps keep the flow of traffic moving to open parking; it saves the student time if you are running late for class.

Last but not least, this is my first year on as editor, and I would appreciate any and all feedback. Please do not limit your responses. Any input from the student body on any story or article is vital to keep students getting the type of reading that is the most interesting to you. The *Blazer* production schedule is printed below. Our office is in G-building, in-between the athletic office and the police office. There is a mail slot in the door, so just drop it on us. We're eager to hear from you.

Before you go, this was an easy riddle and the answer is right in front of your nose. If you haven't got it by now, ask someone for help. For all those who answered right away, not to worry; they get harder.

Brown Bag audience will learn about gangs

Sergeant Fred Hafner, member of the Gang Unit in the Joliet Police Department, is the next speaker in the JJC Brown Bag Lecture Series.

Sergeant Hafner will speak Friday, September 13, at 12 noon in J-0006 on the subject of gangs, particularly as they are present in the local area. He will answer questions from the audience.

On Wednesday, September 25, Dr. Baba Mattai of the Social and Behavioral Sciences Department and Andrew Neill of the Natural Sciences/Physical Education Department will discuss "Values & the Sciences: Two Perspectives" at the noon lecture series.

The Brown Bag series is open to everyone. Audience members are welcome to bring their "brown bag" or pick up a lunch tray in the cafeteria and eat as they listen.

BLAZER 1996-97 PRODUCTION SCHEDULE

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The JJC *Blazer* exists to inform the student body about campus news and to allow them a voice in campus affairs. Staff writers draw material from both campus oriented issues and events from the outside world that are of relevance and interest to the student body.

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Extend campus child care hours even more

By Barbara Lavin

Our children are our treasures. We cherish them and want the very best for them. Therefore, those JJC students who have sole responsibility of their own children, as many student do, deny themselves a decent education because they put the needs of their children above their own. Such parents must try to schedule classes around children's schedules and a babysitter's availability.

The Main Campus offers a state-certified, licensed child care center with workers who are dedicated and interested in early childhood education. Students can register at the JJC Child Care Center. The cost is an affordable $2.75 per hour. The operating hours of the Child Care Center are Monday through Friday, from 7:40 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and the Fall semester hours have been extended, Monday through Thursday, 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Day care is also available at the North Campus. However, the classes of single parents are not always included in this time frame. Many of us have evening and Friday, Saturday or Sunday classes, because we must work days during the week.

The number of JJC students struggling with this problem is sizable and growing. The divorce rate in America is estimated to be at 50%, which means that half of all marriages will end in divorce. If a child is born to one of these marriages, one parent will usually be responsible for that child's daily welfare. The custodial parent, in most cases, is the mother. Many of these mothers, with limited skills are faced with getting back into the work force after a lapse of time. Going back to college, for most of them, is an extremely difficult decision because it involves the welfare of their child and the difficulty of choosing a qualified, affordable individual or center to supervise their child.

The extended hours of the center are a step in the right direction. They will open new opportunities for many people, especially single parents, who have no other resource than to bring their children to school with them. This will assist many who need to return to school to learn a new trade or just to update their existing skills. This allows single parents to have affordable child care and be close to their children.

The college, however, does need to consider the possibility of offering more classes during the times of 6 p.m. And 8 p.m. Most children need to be home getting ready for bed and preparing themselves for the following day by 8:30 p.m.. Classes that run until 10 p.m. may be too late for many small children to tolerate and may deter many students from enrolling. This would allow working parents some quality time to spend with their children before bedtime. Also, classes that begin at 4 p.m.make it impossible for students to have child care during this class time because the center closes at 4:30..

As our population of single parents increases, society, of which JJC and all educational institutions are a vital part, needs to address the issue of child care. Our children are important to us, but we also need to take pride in ourselves. We can do that through education. The philosophy of Joliet Junior College states: "All citizens should have the right to a meaningful education in order to fulfill their personal vision and the collective vision of the community". JJC can aid in this goal if it makes convenient, affordable child care available to all members of the community during the hours they need it the most.

No vote, no voice

By Suzi Moritti

Are you registered to vote for this year's election? If you are like the majority of students in college age 18-21, you're probably not. That's right. Most students in this age group are not registered to vote in this election. Why is it like this? This may sound stereotypical, but it's the truth: the general attitude is that, "One vote won't count."

To tell you the truth, one vote can add up to many and in this case it's added up to unheard voices in our government. Because no one will take the initiative to vote, the young population is not being heard fairly across America. It's sad to say, but that is what is happening. The next time you complain about the way things are run, who is running them, and how unfair it is for the young population, remember the fact that you did not voice your opinion. It's your opinion and your vote that makes the difference in our nation. Remember, it's your choice and it's your voice that could rock the vote.

Evening counseling hours

Starting last September 4 and continuing through October 30, evening counseling hours are being held on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 4 to 8 p.m. November 4 through December 18 they will be held Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 4 to 8 p.m.

In my opinion...

Media overplays hero image

By Jason Maholy

Heroes are created every day, or so it seems in today's society. A police officer is shot in the line of duty and he or she is a "hero"; a young boy dies of cancer after a lengthy fight with the disease and he is tagged with the "hero" label; or anybody that helps another human being without being called upon to do so is labeled a "hero".

Why are these people heroes? Because the media says they are, that's why. Not that the police officer or the cancer-stricken boy or the good samaritan aren't heroes to the people they helped or gave courage to, but why must the media anoint these people with the word "hero"? The media gives these individuals days, sometimes weeks of press time, and very often these people just want to be left alone. There are very few heroes who actually want to be seen as supermen, but what happens? Somebody pays them to come onto their talk show and tell their great, tearjerking story. Not that I haven't been touched by some of the things people have done for total strangers in a time of need, those who have put their own life in jeopardy to save the life of another or even others. But why is the media so obsessed with creating these heroes?

The most recent hero in the news wasn't even a human being. It did act more like a human being than some people may have acted in its situation, however. That's right, Binii-Jua, the gorilla that saved the little boy that fell into the gorilla pit at Brookfield Zoo is the latest media-created hero.

I thought the story of Binii saving the child was a great one. Three-year old boy at the zoo scales a 3-foot fence and falls into the gorilla pit; female gorilla sees the unconscious boy and picks him up, then proceeds to carry him to a door where zoo workers retrieve the boy, who by the way has made an almost full recovery. Nice story, right? Sure, the first, maybe second time you heard it. But the media didn't think so. The story must not have reached enough people after it was shown on every news program across the nation every day for a week, because as of August 29, almost three weeks after the event, reports are just now ceasing completely. I do see a point, however: gorilla doing what probably a large percentage of the American population would not have done had they found an injured child in their front yard.

Are things really that bad in America that the media has to resort to calling anybody (or thing) that performs an act of humanity a hero. Are there really that few people left that would actually help a stranger in a time of need that a hero is basically 1) anybody that helps another fellow human being, or 2) anybody who dies while wearing a uniform or a hospital gown? True, these people may be heroes, but only to those whose lives have been changed because of what they have done.

It's great to have heroes; I have mine, but my heroes don't have to be everybody else's.

Clinton can't stop scandal

By Jeff Odegaard

Bill Clinton has been surrounded by *scandal from the* days in his home state of Arkansas. When he ran for president, of course more scandal followed. Throughout his term in office nothing but scandal. All his false statements come to light from "I promise to cut taxes..." and his unwilling, bulheaded, democratic, political nonsense of a balanced budget in the year 1997, no wait, now 2000, and again it changed.

The social crowd he favors is having many legal problems. Makes you wonder what kind of best friend doesn't know his friend is involved in drugs. Not only his friends but his own wife is involved in a large legal problem, but they don't know anything. How can you not know what is going on in a fairly large law organization? From White House delegates committing suicide, sex scandal on top of sex scandal, and his wife trying to run America without running for office, it's become high time to elect another person to give the White House a cleaning out.

Newest commemoratives are out

What's new in the Mail Center is the newest release of self-adhesive commemorative .32 stamps. The sheet of 20 features five designs of riverboats that operated in the U.S. in the late 1800's.

Other commemorative .32 stamps still on hand include American Indian Dancers, Iowa Statehood, RFD Anniversary, Breast Cancer Awareness, James Dean, Georgia O'Keefe's Poppy, Prehistoric Animals, and Olympic Games Centennial, expains Sandy Sotar, Mail Center supervisor.

Self-adhesive .32 stamps in books of 20 or on coils of 100 and self-adhesive .20 stamps in books of 10 are also available.

The Mail Center, J 1012-A, is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Now Showing

A Time to Kill

By Melissa Serra

Still playing in theaters, *A Time to Kill* has been one of the most talked-about movies of the summer. Based on a John Grisham novel, this movie is about a murder trial that takes place in the South. A young, white attorney defends a black man brought to trial for the murders of two white men who raped his 10-year-old daughter. The racial issues of this trial divide the citizens of the southern town.

This is an emotionally charged film with great acting. If you enjoy dramas, *A Time to Kill* is a definite "must see"!

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The Rock

By Lauren Swanson

This movie was definitely designed to take you on the ride of your life. Ed Harris portrays a renegade marine who makes himself at home at the "rock" of Alcatraz with a couple of poison-gas-filled-rockets aimed toward San Francisco.

Nicolas Cage plays a chemical weapons expert who is needed on the rescue team. This great actor brings a vast amount of personality to his role.

Sean Connery, an escape artist, serves as another one needed on the rescue team. He, of course, gives a wonderful performance. It I were you, I wouldn't miss this one.

CD Review

By Dennis Nevzil

Jumping right to a major label, "Capital Records," The Jesus Lizard is slowly but surely gaining the recognition it has deserved for years. Where The Jesus Lizard once focused on abrupt rhythms and varied tempo changes, the group's latest release, "Shot," is tighter *and more structured than prior offerings.*

The opening song on the disc, "Thumper," is driven by a repetitious bassline and the offkey lyrics of singer and songwriter David Yow. Songs like "Thumbscrews" are what give this album its short bursts of energy. "Thumbscrews" is a very heavy song which surprises you by breaking into a mellow groove accompanied by Yow's growling grunt in the background. Then there is "No Then," another great song, reminiscent of the Melvins minus "King Buzzo."

Tracks like "Good Riddance" and "Too Bad About the Fire" really bring the album down. Yow seems as if he is trying too hard to sing, contradicting successful past albums. The music on "Good Riddance" and "Too Bad About the Fire" is much too simple and weak for The Jesus Lizards, which gained its popularity with its chaotic noise and unusual persistency.

Overall, "Shot" leaves the listener with a sense of enjoyment; however, it is also mixed with confusion and annoyance. To older fans of The Lizard, the album may be a little upsetting. Maybe The Jesus Lizard should have stayed with "Touch and Go Records" and focused on its successful format, keeping the band's original fans instead of trying to make new ones.

Honors presents

Satellite Seminar starts September 24

The JJC Honors Program will sponsor a satellite seminar this fall on the topic "The Arts: Landscape of our Times" as part of its Honors Colloquium series. Five programs will be presented, starting September 24 and ending November 19.

"The seminar is being offered to the JJC community free of charge for enrichment, not for college credit," says Peter Neff, Honors Program coordinator. It is co-sponsored nationally by the National Collegiate Honors Council and Phi Theta Kappa, community college honor society.

The sessions will run from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in J-3011. The first presentation, on "Landscapes and Outdoor Spaces," is Tuesday, September 24. It will feature a variety of landscape depictions as well as conversations with an artist in the process of creating a landscape painting. K. Ann Dempsey, Honors director at St. Louis Community College—Florissant Valley, will moderate.

Future seminars include "The Portrait—Sculpture, Painting, and Photography," Tuesday, October 1; "The Film as an Art Form," Tuesday, October 8, "Folk Art as a Reflection of Society," Tuesday, November 12, "Patrons and Censorship in the Arts," Tuesday, November 19.

Fine Arts, Culinary Arts to present dinner theatre

The JJC Fine Arts Department and the American Culinary Federation, Louis Joliet Chapter, are collaborating on a dinner-theatre to be held Friday and Saturday, October 4 and 5, in conjunction with the college's production of **Black Comedy**. Proceeds will go towards scholarships and student projects.

The food for the dinner has been named after the characters of the comedy by Peter Shaffer. The first course is Brindsley's Sculptured Pumpkin Bisque with **Black Comedy** Bean Puree; Carol's Debutante Salad follows; the main course is Harold's "Ultimate Cornish Game Hen" (boneless half of game hen with sculptured fresh vegetables and plum sauce, served on a bed of Jasmine rice). Dessert is Schuppanzigh's Bavarian Dream. Coffee, tea, or iced tea will be the beverages available.

Students from the Culinary Arts Department will serve the dinner, and students from the Theatre section of the Fine Arts Department will host in addition to acting in the play. Dinner will be served in the Formal Dining Room.

The four-course dinner is $20; the cost of the play ticket varies with the theater-goer's status. Season subscribers to the JJC season already have their tickets paid in advance; therefore no additional monies are required. General public tickets are $3; for JJC Faculty/Staff, Seniors, and non-JJC Students the ticket charge is $2, and JJC Students pay $1. Please reserve theatre tickets by calling 729-9020, ext. 2200. Reservations for the dinner are made with Professor Albert Imming at college extension 2447. Please RSVP by September 25 specifying which night you are attending.

1996-97 Theatre Season

The Joliet Junior College Fine Arts Department has announced its schedule for the 1996-97 theatre season.

Black Comedy will start the season October 3-6. This farce of mistaken identity features an unusual convention: when it's dark on stage, the characters are in the light— when the stage lights are on, the characters are in the dark.

The Good Person of Setzuan will run November 21-23. Set in China, this example of epic theatre uses comedy, drama, music and elements of the supernatural to explore issues of individual and societal responsibility.

Brigadoon will be presented February 28, March 1, 2 and 6-8. This musical is about two American hunters stumbling into an idyllic but mysterious village in the highlands of Scotland— a village that only appears once every 100 years.

Student-directed plays will be presented April 17-20. This season's director and production will be announced in early January.

Season tickets can be purchased through Wednesday, October 9. Subscribers receive up to a 33% discount, preferred seating, ticket exchange/replacement, a special subscriber's reception prior to the opening night of Brigadoon and free admission to all studio productions and play readings.

Tickets for individual shows may be purchased throughout the season. For more information, call the Theatre Box Office at (815) 729-9020, Ext. 2200.

'Starflight' takes off tomorrow

The Herbert Trackman Planetarium started its shows for the 1996-97 year this month with a "Mars Show" on September 3.

"Starflight" will be shown at 6:30 p.m. tomorrow night. The program is a journey across the immense voids of both space and time to explore the magical wonders of our universe.

"Just Imagine" will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 17. This family program uses imagination as a key to an incredible cosmic journey. Travel beyond the solar system to see the sun as a different star and witness the last days of the universe.

"Solar System Stake-Out" will be shown at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, September 26. Join planetary investigator Sam Snork and his assistant, Elmo, as they solve a mystery among the planets of our solar system.

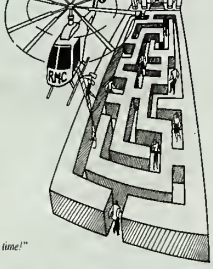
The Herbert Trackman Planetarium is located in F-Building an JJC's Main Campus. Shows last approximately one hour. It is suggested that visitors arrive early since seating capacity is limited and difficult to find once the chamber is dark.

The programs are presented by Edward Eichelberger, Planetarium director and JJC astronomy instructor. Admission is free.

"A-Mazed" by how long it's taking to graduate, Marcia transfers to RMC!

According to: **The Center for Educational Statistics** *...nationwide, only 42% of college freshmen graduated within six years."*

According to: **Robert Morris College** *"...last year, 85% of our students completed their program of study and graduated on time!"*



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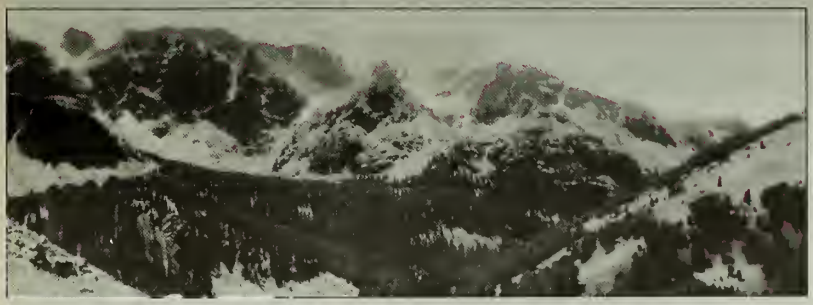


A classroom called Wyoming

By Lisa M. Scarcelli

Think of the last classroom you were in and the details that made it a classroom. Whether you were in a class five minutes ago, an hour ago, yesterday, or last week, it probably consisted of four walls, 20 to 30 chairs or stools, desks or tables, windows, fluorescent lights, an instructor and maybe a clock on one wall. Joliet Junior College offers a class with none of the above elements except for the instructor.

Andy Neill of the biology faculty is that instructor. This outdoor, hands-on course is entitled Biology 146, Ecological Conservation, Wyoming Wilderness Field Ecology Trip. This past summer the course was offered second summer session from August 1-11. The College has offered a trip like this for the past fifteen years. According to Neill, the class is designed to give students the opportunity to see and explore the mountainous environments of the Rocky Mountain bioregion.

"The trip was awesome and I highly recommend it to anyone who enjoys the outdoors," commented Steve Kochevar, pre-engineer from Elwood. This field student course should not be mistaken for a vacation. All backpackers are expected to carry their own personal equipment and a portion of the team's gear and supplies. The camping is primitive and far removed from the civilized conditions we have grown used to, explains Neill.

The course has a few requirements that go along with the outdoor experience. Students must read a book that gets them in the frame of mind for the trip. Every summer the text is different because there is no official book for the class. This summer's class read *Desert Solitaire*, by Edward Abbey. He was a park ranger stationed at Arches National Park in Utah.

Students are also required to write a research paper before the trip, keep a journal during the trip and write a reaction paper upon the conclusion of their trip. The class is offered as a three-credit hour course.

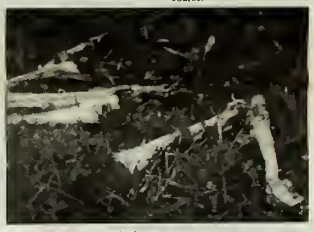
Objectives that were met during this course were following all backpacking and hiking procedures, understanding the varying land-use restrictions on the federally owned forests, parks and wilderness areas, identifying the differences between plant communities growing on north and south-facing slopes, understanding the process of ecological succession and its role in soil formation and other effects visible in nature.

The class was fortunate enough to view first-hand the food chain in action. Two moose skeletons were found near one of their campsites. A park ranger who accompanied the class for a few days assured the group that the moose were taken down in the early spring by a bear. Educational aspects were not the only advantages gained by the nine JJC students on this trip to Wyoming. "The most important thing we learned came from ourselves. We learned to work as a team and what things we really needed for survival," said Chris Danek, Parks and Recreation-transfer to ISU from Minooka.

"It was truly an educational trip and a personal growth and life-building experience I will never forget," said Mary Ann Berg, associates in arts and transfer to the College of St. Francis from Manhatten. The class was able to gaze at some of the most breathtaking scenery in the United States. It is no wonder students were able to look beyond the conventional classroom and deep within themselves. According to Neill, due to rugged terrain and inaccessibility much of Wyoming's high country is seldom travelled. The class reached an altitude of over 11,000 feet and fished in the northern Bridger Wilderness Area in alpine lakes at 10,000 feet.

This class is recommended for non-biology majors as well as those pursuing biology-related degrees. The space in this course is limited, so contact Neill as soon as possible about the next class. Interested students are placed on a reservation list and offered the chance to sign up for the class first. There is a four-wall classroom version of Ecological Conservation, so be sure to talk to Neill. He can be reached in the Natural Sciences Department at JJC main campus for questions or a brochure on the course.

Andy Neill (biology instructor) lecturing on a mountain range about the differences between plant communities growing on north and south facing slopes.



Part of the moose skeleton found near a camp site.

Students backpack across the prairie into rugged terrain.

Here's a chance to get involved!

Typically, community college students come to campus for their classes and exit at the first possible moment to go to jobs or home responsibilities. If you would like to break this pattern and make time to participate in one or more of the many club activities available to JJC students, now is the time and here is the information.

The current club directory lists forty-two organizations and is still growing, says Marisa Johnson, director of Student Services and activities. A chart below names clubs currently on the list along with the name, office, and extension number of the club advisor. For additional information, students may come by the office of Student Services, H1001, contact the club advisor, or "hit Main Street," says Johnson. Main Street is the series of exhibits campus clubs are putting on in the concourse today. Main Street started yesterday, September 10, and runs for two days.

Club Notes

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship

The JJC InterVarsity Fellowship will hold their meetings every Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Room G-2003. The meetings will include Christian speakers, Bible studies, and opportunities to learn how God's Word relates to members in their daily lives. All students, staff, and faculty are welcome.

The fellowship is a non-denominational organization that invites Christian speakers who represent a variety of denominations. Students of all ages are invited to build collegiate friendships and develop leadership skills based on Christian principles.

Joliet Junior College Ski Club

The JJC Ski Club is planning a great trip to Winter Park, Colorado, from Saturday, January 4, 1997, to Saturday, January 11, 1997. The total package includes airfare, bus to/from JJC to the airport, lodging at Beaver Village Condos for seven nights, and a five-day lift ticket. Total Price: $655. Contact Gerri Chaplin, Ext. 2419, or Pat Sterr, Ext. 2375.

Graphology Club

The Graphology club will meet the first Friday of each month in B-1002 at 7 p.m. The next meeting will be October 4, when Dave Grayson speaks on "Children's Handwriting." The club's program year began September 6 with a talk by Connie Whall on his experience with a hostile corporate takeover.

Parapsychology Club

"Inner Peace" will be the topic of the JJC Parapsychology Club when it meets September 20 in Room D-2001 at 7 p.m. The third Friday of the month is the club's regular meeting time. "Body Language" will be the topic on October 18; "Reading Playing Cards" will be the November 15 presentation.

Alpha Lambda Phi

Alpha Lambda Phi is the JJC Chapter of the community college honorary society, Phi Theta Kappa. Officer's meeting this year will be held the second Tuesday of the month and the general meeting on the fourth Tuesday, both at 5 p.m. in K-2007.

Club officers are Angie Henderson, president; Marie Trizna, vice-president; Laura Capps, secretary; Leslie Jones, treasurer; and Tammy Ohm, historian. Faculty advisors are Sue Malmberg and Pat Asher.

Fund raising activities planned for the year are Dan's Taffy Apple Sale in October, a wrapping paper sale before the holidays, and a candy sale in the spring. The 1996-97 service project will be promoting AIDS awareness.

Editor's Note:

The *Blazer* needs your club news. Drop through the slot, G-1009, or mail to *Blazer*, English Department.

Lifelong learning

One of the many Lifelong Learning classes at JJC's Main Campus is **Communication with the Deaf**. This class meets from 6:30-8:45 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 5-Oct. 31. The course is taught at the following levels:

(BVS 1056-30) Level I-Students learn the manual alphabet, basic word signs and begin sentence building.

(BVS 1057-30) Level II-For students who have completed Level I or have previous sign language experience. This course reviews signs, works on additional vocabulary and sentence proficiency.

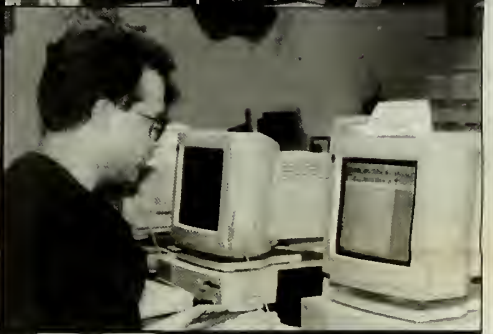
(BVS 1058-30) Level III-This course is a continuation of Level I and II. Students improve their conversational ability with signs.

Fee for each course is $64.

Current Club Directory

Club Name	Advisor(s)
Alpha Mu Gamma (Foreign languages)	Berta Arias, C-1058, X 2270
Art Alliance	Steve Sherrell K-0006, X 2312
Association of Criminal Justice Students	Frank Alberico B-2001, X 2495
	Donald Ernst B-2009, X 2495
Automated Systems Club	Cheryl Upshaw C-2020, X 2490
Automotive Service Association	C-1016, X 2453
The Bard's Guild (Discussion group)	Brian Campbell H-1001, X 2308
Blazer (JJC Newspaper)	Marion Sorenson C-1065, X 2607
Bachelor Bound Society (Students planning a transfer to a four-year school)	Orlando Lewis J-3036, X 2537
CADD/CAM (Computer-aided design, drafting and manufacturing)	
College Bowl (The Varsity sport of the mind)	Bill Yarrow C-1069, X 2361
Delta Psi Omega	Nichola Blowers K-1002, X 2200
Electronics Engineering Technology Club	Michael Fagan C-1037, X 2268
Epieurean Club	Keith Vonhoff J-0012, X 2542
Expressions Club (For members of the gay, lesbian and bisexual community on campus)	C-1070, X 2491
F.L.I.C. (Foreign Languages intercultural club)	Bertha Arias C-1058, X 2270
FDCUS (Ecumenical Christian discussion, fellowship, and service)	Russ Corey H-1001, X 2308
Gotta Dance (Sharpens dance skills, teaches new steps)	Linn Eldred J-2038, X 2217
Graphology (Handwriting analysis)	Ann Vining H-1001, X 2308
Grass Roots (Environmental concerns)	
Instrument Society of America (Science of measurement and control)	Danny Thompson C-1037, X 2530
Intervarsity Christian Fellowship (Interdenominational)	Albert Imming J-0048, X 2447 Jan Coleman E-2012, X 2603

Club Name	Advisor(s)
J.C. Players (Theatre club)	Rosaline Stone K-1004, X 2358
Judo Club	Gregorio Tilos C-1037, X 2293
L.D.S.S.A. (Latter Day Saints Student Association)	Doug Dxborrow K-2012, X 2225
Latinos Unidos (Promotes Hispanic Culture awareness)	Cristobal Trillo C-1058, X 2465
Livestock Judging	Dale Hummel A-1024, X 2272
Men's Volleyball Club	Dan Furlan G-100, X 2379
Native American Club	Fred Harris J-3016, X 2566
Newman Club (Community of Christians; campus ministry founded by Cardinal Newman)	Charlene Wagner J-2025, X 2521
Nursing Students Drganization	Colleen Kestel-Branchaw C-1034, X 2233 Judith Kachel C-1064, X 2560
Parapsychology Club	Richard Chamberlain H-1001, X 2308
Phi Theta Kappa (Honor society for Two-year college students)	Patrick Asher C-1069, X 2361 Sue Malmberg K-2014, X 2287
Psi Beta (National honor society in psychology)	Patrick Tinken C-1055, X 6660
Sigma Delta Mu (National honor society for Hispanic students)	Bertha Arias C-1058, X 2270
Ski Club	Gerri Chaplin J-4053, X 2419 Patricia Sterr J-4037, X 2375
Soccer Club	Cristobal Trillo C-1058, X 2465
Student Agriculture Association	Dale Hummel A-1024, X 2272
Student Horticulture Association	Allan Reed A-1016, X 2400
TV-10 (Video production club)	Mark Ligda J-3011, X 2566
Unity (Promotes appreciation of human diversity)	Jewell Denniss J-2025, X 2455 Tawana Hughes J-1013, X 2302
Unstoppable Challengers (Provides support and recreation for people with disabilities)	
Wordeater (JJC literary magazine)	John Stobart C-1069, X 2361



Whether it's taking part in the Judo Club, listening to a band perform on the bridge (or performing with them), working at a computer in the E-Building Lab, dashing across the bridge to class, or carving ice in a culinary arts class, JJC students are a busy bunch.

Come to where the action is!

Fashion on campus

Is it a fad or sociological statement?

If what we wear makes a statement, JJC students are a diverse community. Whether they take fashion seriously or shrug off the whole idea, the students returning to JJC and the new arrivals express their opinion on fashion without hesitation. Just put it this way; they know what they like and know what they detest.

Question: What brands or designers do you consider in/out?

"Levi's, Guess and L.E.I. Jeans. Definitely no Gitano or Karl Kani." **Katie Beaudon**

"I love contempo clothing and Levi's jeans." **Eleni Rousondos**, nursing

"I'm from Tennessee, so I like Wrangler jeans, but Bon Jour jeans are definitely out everywhere," **Heather Flood**, nursing

"I would never wear Chick jeans." **Shannon Messenger**, music

"Calvin Klien, Levi's, Girbaud are still okay." **Sonia Martinez**, nursing

"Cross Colours are out. Anything Tommy Hill, Nautica, Timberland, or Donna Karan are in."**Shannon Newsome**, marketing

"B.U.M. Equipment is out." **Jay Adamczyk**, acting

Question: "What kind of clothes attract you to the opposite sex?"

"Cropped t-shirt." **Don Shewmake**, nursing

"Tight jeans." **John Cairns**, agriculture

"Cowboy boots." **Heather Flood**, nursing

"I like it when guys dress up." **Sonia Martinez**, nursing

"Sun dresses, cropped shirts, and shorts." **Jay Adamczyk**, acting

"Short-cut shirts, daisy dukes, cute skirts." **Shannon Newsome**, marketing

Questions: Do you plan out what to wear to class the night before?

What do you consider "out" fashion wise?

What is your trendiest article of clothing?

"Yes, I do plan out what to wear the night before," says **Mandy McKenna**, an eighteen-year old JJC student from Plainfield. She considers leather and tight jeans out, and her corduroys are her favorite trendy item to wear.

Mandy Cavazos, a JJC student from New Lenox, says short little mini skirts are definitely "out" to her, and "big baggy jeans and my v-neck t-shirt are my favorite trend to wear."

According to **Mandy Englert**, also a JJC student from New Lenox, tight jeans are "out". "No, I do not plan out what to wear the night before," she responds. Comfy clothes and big baggy overalls are her thing.

Adam Stone, a JJC student from Lockport, considers his hats that he wears to be the "most hip" trend item that he owns. "No, I don't plan out what to wear the night before." I also asked Adam if he had any fashion pet peeves. "Yes, people that try too hard to dress trendy, and basketball shoes that never get worn to play basketball."

Questions: What is your favorite piece of clothing? Why?

Where do you shop? Why?

"My ankh, the Egyptian symbol for eternal life." "The coolest place to shop is Rocky Mudd's."**Adam Heck**, Morris,

"This outfit and these shoes."'I don't have any specific stores I go to." **Stephanie Knievel**, Lincoln-Way

"My renaissance outfit." "Petite Sophisticate because it's the only place I can find clothes to fit." **Melissa Taylor**, Lincoln-Way,

"Probably jeans because they're comfortable." **Larry Brandolino**, Adult Student

"Dresses and skirts, because I believe that's modest and that God intended ladies to wear them." **Tonya Epting**, Lockport

Question: In your opinion, what are the hottest fashion trends right now?

"...navel piercing, tattoos, body piercing..." **Kristy Cutright**, freshman

"...the gothic look..." **Shane Fay**, freshman

"Men-short hair, grunge clothes, prep clothes, rentro t-shirts. Women- hip huggers, Jennifer Aniston (of TV sitcom Friends) hair, dyed hair." **Kyle Sing**, freshman

Question: How do you think fashion relates to everyday life?

"Fashion helps people be individuals." **Kristy Cutright**

"Fashion is the highest form of expression, I think it is an artform." **Shane Fay**

"It makes you feel better about yourself." **Kyle Sing**

Question: On a scale from 1 to ten, how important do you think what's in style affects kids in this school?

"A nine, fashion is important from the start." **Kristy**

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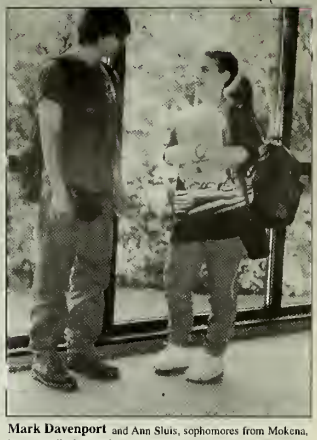

Mark Davenport and Ann Sluts, sophomores from Mokena, dress casually for comfort on campus, as do most JJC students.

These feet were looking for comfort on a hot day!

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Michele Rogan, freshman from Plainfield, is ready to head for home.

Most students dress for comfort

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Cutright

"I'd say an eight." **Shane Fay**

"8 or 9" **Kyle Sing**

Tina Tyree, Joliet; **Maureen Schultz**, Plainfield; **Marisol Rodriguez**, Chicago; **Ed Kralik**, Plainfield; and **Tranere Nelson**, freshman football quarterback answered the following questions:

Question: What are your favorite places to buy clothes?

Tina- Rave, County Seat

Maureen- JC Penneys, Casual Corner, Carson Pierie Scott

Marisol- Mega Mall, K-Mart, Wal-Mart, Louis Joliet Mall

Ed- JC Penneys

Tranere- JC Penneys, Modiker

Question: What if any modes of media affect your fashion decisions? Ex. TV, Magazines

Any particular show that you may fashion yourself after or a specific celebrity?

Tina- Friends. No.

Maureen- Not really. No.

Marisol- TV. No.

Ed- No.

Tranere- Before I used to dress like Deion Sanders; now I dress more like Martin Lawrence

Question: How much time do you spend getting ready for school? Going out?

Tina- 50 minutes for both

Maureen- school- 40 minutes, going out- 50 minutes

Marisol- 1 1/2 hours for both

Ed- 30 minutes for both

Question: How important do you think fashion is in today's society? Why?

Tina- Very important. It is how you are perceived by other people. Fashion makes a statement about who you are.

Maureen- Unfortunately, very important. People base the quality of a person on the way that they dress.

Marisol- Personally not really but society- yes.

Ed- Pretty important. Everybody dresses the same.

Tranere- Pretty important. Appearance is number-one in today's society.

Question: Is there any one item that comes into mind that you would NOT wear no matter how much in style it becomes?

Tina- Fish net pantyhose

Maureen- spandex mini-skirts

Marisol- anything plastic, neon colors

Ed- groupie pants

Tranere- Adidas

More on JJC fashions will appear next issue. Reporters contributing to this issue were **Sara Vanderhei**, **Donielle Jackiowski**, **Kindra Schaefer**, **Erica Gallagher**, and **Keri Murray**.

JJC computer network will link all campuses in one year's time

Six years ago, JJC had about 200 computers for instructional and adminisrative use. Today, JJC has almost 1,000 personal computers in classrooms and offices.

If all goes according to plan, JJC's computer network should be completed in about a year, according to Jon Johnson, Director of the Information Technology Center and co-chair of the Technology Planning Committee. The computer network will link all classrooms, offices and labs at all three campuses.

But keeping the college's technolgy current to best serve students and administrive needs is expensive, Johnson said. For example, the Technology Planning Committee's strategic plan projects spending $938,000 for year one and more than $3.5 million over a five-year period. Projections include a one time cost of $250,000 to complete the college's network. Annual expenses of $300,000 are earmarked to update hardware and software. The cost of training for JJC employees is estimated at $75,000 a year and Compass testing (computerized ASSET tests) is expected to cost the college $10,000 a year.

Some of the expense of keeping the college current with a new technology will come from a $2 per credit hour technology fee enacted by the Board of Trustees to take effect for the fall semester. That fee is expected to generate $363,565 in the next fiscal year. Other funding sources include a JJC Foundation bequest from Arthur G. Smith, gaming revenues from the city of Joliet and host of state and federal grants.

The Technology Planning Committee has set four priorities for the current year:

Purchase equiptment to connect the Learning Resource Center with new Illinet software;

Complete wiring to connect individual computers and computer labs to the backbone;

Establish and fill a new position necessary to support and administrate the JJC network and backbone; and

Purchase hardware to update academic computer labs.

Fiber optic backbones, which are the "central nervous system" for the network, are installed at the Main City Center campuses. Those backbones eventually will allow all JJC computers to interact, Johnson said.

The Main and City Center campuses also will have T-1 lines that allow better access to the Internet. T-1 lines have the ability to carry much more text and graphic information at a quicker speed.

T-Building labs are already connected to the backbone as are most T-Building departmental secretaries and academic advisors. The majority of the work is completed on wiring J-Building to the backbone. After J is wired, bids will be sought to wire A through H buildings.

A subcommittee of the Technology Planning Committee has been named to determine requirements for networking and connecting all offices and classrooms at the North Campus and City Center Campus to the backbone.

In addition to Johnson, members of the Technology Planning Committee are Dr. James Lepanto (co-chair), Jerry Anderson, Dave Buckley, Dr. Carolyn Engers, James Fox, Dr. Curt Hieggelke, Andy Mihelich, Roxanne Munch, Ram Raghuraman, Scott Olsen, J.D. Ross, Dianne Schmitt, and Dr. Robert Sterling.

In an effort to improve communications, the committee will have its members serve as liaisons by meeting at least once a month with academic departments and the City Center Campus staff.

Learn Chinese

JJC's Lifelong Learning program is featuring Conversational Chinese I (ICDE 971-30). The class will acquaint people with a basic knowledge of the Chinese language.

Enrollment--

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may be unhapy with their jobs and may want to do something else with their lives. "People are looking for employable skills, realizing education is a life-long proceess," he said.

There are many possible reasons the increases are occurring. However, there are three main ones, according to Maniates. First, the district is growing rapidly. The new businesses bring more jobs; therefore, more people are moving to our area. Second, enrollment management efforts were more actively recruiting, using phone calls and mailing information to prospective students. Finally, a more personalized approach to registering and advising students improved the efficiency of registration. Eventually, Maniates would like to test, orient, register, and advise all in one day.

Advisor Changes

Dr. Carolyn Engers has announced the following advisor changes:

Brad Angus, Agriculture Transfer and Business, A-1024, Ext. 2272.

Gwen Beam, Nursing Education, C-1061, Ext. 2676.

Cindy Brncich, J.T.P.A. City Center 316, Ext.86-1316.

Jim Fox, Construction Technology, T-1060, Ext. 2410.

Dr. Curtis Hieggelke, Pre-Engineering, E-2012, Ext. 2371.

Jon Rau, Auto Science, C-2063, Ext. 2467/2229.

Bill Stroud, C.I.S., T-2041, Ext. 2310.

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Quiz Bank aids both student and instructor

By Sheri Rydell

On the morning of a test your alarm clock doesn't go off, traffic is backed up for miles, and you're so exhausted from studying all night long that you have to keep your eyes propped open with pencils. After all that, you still don't feel confident that you're going to pass. This is called test anxiety. Sometimes all the stress and worrying for a test pays off, but when the teacher passes your paper back with a big, red "C" scribbled across the top, you must ask yourself, "Was it really worth it?"

The Academic Skills Center has designed a program to eliminate some of the stress in test-taking, help students with problem-solving skills and help them master difficult subjects. Quiz Bank allows students to take quizzes and tests in the ASC instead of their classroom. This program is a random, computerized bank of questions that tests the student's knowledge on subject areas of their teacher's choice. Students are allowed to take a quiz three times, only two within a one-day period, each quiz containing different questions each time. The top score is recorded.

According to information given to participating students, a photo ID is required by each student, which will be held by a Quiz Bank monitor until the quiz is completed and returned. Only materials that the instructor has permitted can be used during a quiz, for instance a calculator or periodic table. The quizzes are done on paper, then transferred into the computer. Each quiz is worth 100 points. The number of questions is determined by the instructor.

"There can be anywhere from three to ten questions, but the average is around five. Any more would be too long," says an ASC staff member.

The computer works as a learning tool and as a way for participating instructors to assess their teaching on a weekly basis. After the student's answers are placed in the computer, the correct answers and their solutions are available for each question. Students can review their quizzes on their own, or if they need further guidance, there are tutors available in the ASC to assist or lend support.

Quiz Bank is on-line with the Illinois Institute of Technology, whose instructors prepared the questions. Their project was funded by the National Science Foundation.

All Chemistry 100 professors, both full-time and adjunct, are using the program as a mastery tool for their students, says Charlene Wagner, head of the Academic Skills Center. Last year 7 classes used the program; this year 15 math and Chem 101 classes participate. The average retention rate is 83% for classes that use Quiz Bank as a tool. Mike Fagin, EET instructor, deserves credit for volunteering time to maintain this project and its quality, Wagner said.

Quiz Bank has selected hours which change each semester, depending on the hours of participating classes. Fall hours are still to be determined. Denise Clark is the Quiz Bank monitor.

There are advantages and disadvantages to taking quizzes through the Quiz Bank program. "I can never seem to work my schedule around the Quiz Bank hours. There are big gaps within the scheduled times," says one participating Chemistry 100 student. That seems to be the largest complaint from the students. The advantages do, however, outweigh the disadvantages.

"I don't get as nervous as I would in class. I can go to the ASC between classes or after school and take my time," says another chemistry student. "I like to sit with a tutor after I take the first quiz so I can see exactly what I'm doing wrong. Then I go back and work slowly through the second quiz and get a much higher grade," states a participating math student.

Despite a few disadvantages, Quiz Bank is a modern test-taking program that has found favor with its participants. If you are not familiar with the program, visit the ASC and mention it to your instructors. Perhaps Quiz Bank will become the new way to take tests. Then the next time you're rushing to school, worried about how well you'll do on the test or if you'll get so pressured your mind will go blank, you can sit back and relax. You have two more chances!

Denise Clark, Quiz Bank monitor, shows the program to Matt Blecke, New Lenox peer tutor.

Quiz Bank is a program the Academic Skills Center has designed as a learning tool and test stress-reliever for students and an assessment aid to instructors.

Horoscopes

By Erica Coffey

Aries (March 21-April 19)
Taking the time to really listen to the one you love today will benefit both of you. Changes at work can harm or help you depending on your attitude. Be patient with a family member.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
Doing things that you don't want to do now will benefit you in the future. Don't let the stress of school get you down. Take a night off to go out with friends or family. A new perspective will help.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)
Someone who has judged you too soon will regret it when they find out what you are really like. Your outward composure will impress the person who tries to rile you up.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)
If you lose your temper, you will say something that you will regret. Do something exciting and out of the ordinary. Saying the right thing to a family member will end a long-lasting disagreement.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
Spend a quiet, romantic evening with the one you love; the results will surprise you. Your co-workers see you as a leader; be a good example. Use your leadership qualities in other areas as well.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Don't let your peers talk you into doing something that you don't want to do. Stand your ground. Your love will do something special for you today.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Lending someone a hand today will be rewarded. The solution to your problem is within your grasp. Finish your task today or you will put it off indefinitely.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
Spend some extra money on yourself today. Your financial problems are coming to an end. Don't let a disagreement bother you; they will soon see your point of view. A smile goes a long way.

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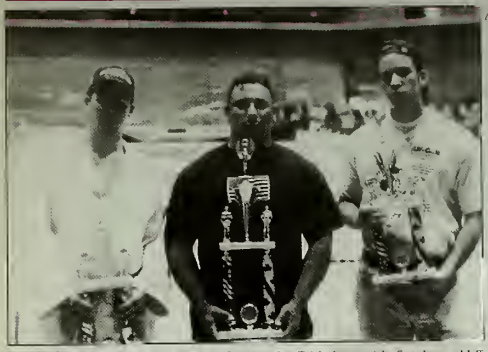

Judo winners Mark Bushell, lightweight, first place; Ron Egizio, heavyweight, first place; and Jeff Johnson, middleweight, second place display their trophies. Coach Greg Tilos's team members competed at the annual American/Canadian International Judo Challenge.

Judo Club members make big-time win

By Betha Cramer

The JJC Judo Club triumphed in the American/Canadian International Judo Challenge at New York State University in May. Nine countries were represented including Germany, Israel, Kenya, Philippines, Poland, Russia, Ukraine, Canada and the United States.

Competition was tough, but Ron Egizio (Yellow Belt) came home with first place in the Heavyweight Novice Division and Mark Bushnell (Yellow Belt) placed first in the Lightweight Novice Division. Jeff Johnson (Orange Belt) received second place in the Mediumweight Novice Division.

The team is coached by Greg Tilos. Anyone interested in joining the club can call (815) 729-9020 ext. 2293.

JJC baseball players make All-American

For the fifth consecutive year, Joliet Junior College Head Baseball Coach Wayne King has landed as least one player on the National Juniur College Athletic Association Division III All-America baseball team.

JJC catcher Mark Raciti, a 1993 graduate of Morris Community High School, was named to the 1996 NJCAA Division III All-America first team. Pitcher Tony Smith, a graduate of Lemont High School, was named to the second ALL-America unit.

"Both Mark and Tony were well-deserving choices for All-Americans," said King, the school's all-time winningest baseball coach, with 319 victories in 10 seasons. "They both worked extremely hard to attain the success that they did. They certainly made sacrifices to take their respective games to another level."

The 5-ft. 11-in., 185-lb. Raciti, who helped Morris to a second-place finish in the 1993 Illinois High School Association Class AA state tournament, led JJC in numerous offensive categories in 1996 such as base hits (61), batting average (.384, 61-for-159), runs batted in (54) and slugging percentage (.522). Raciti, Kevin Quinn and Billy Glasscock tied for the team leadership in home runs with three each.

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Accreditation increases to 10 years

The North Central Association has increased Joliet Junior College's accreditation to the maximum of 10 years from seven years.

The 10-year accreditation is retroactive to the college's 1991/1992 comprehensive visit.

As a result of the comprehensive visit, an NCA team recommended seven-years accreditation, citing concerns with internal communications, morale, collaboration and decision making.

But a February 1996 NCA focus visit team, which interviewed more than 100 JJC employees and the Board of Trustees, said: "It was our conclusion that the institution has fulfilled and has addressed the major concerns which appeared to be the rationale for the commission's action to retain the seven-year period of time. It will be our recommendation that your next comprehensive visit be in 2001/2002, or 10 years from the last comprehensive visit."

"Receiving the maximum accreditation from the North Central Association says Joliet Junior College is a quality community college that serves the educational needs of its students and the community," said JJC President Thomas E. Gamble. "It also reflects the team effort of all college employees and the Board of Trustees to work together to improve the workplace climate, which benefits our students."

The NCA Commission on Institutions of Higher Education took formal action on the accreditation extension on July 15. JJC has been accredited by NCA since 1917. Recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, NCA is a non-guvernmental, voluntary membership association that monitors United States schools.

Faculty Union gives scholarships

Two $1,000 and four $750 scholarships have been awarded this fall by JJC's Faculty Union, President John Stobart has announced.

This is the second year scholarships have been awarded, Stobart said, with the amount increasing $3,000 in 1995 to $5,000 in 1996. Funds come largely from donations by faculty members, with some outside donations, and from investment returns on the donations. Tim Helton of JJC's Business Department has managed the fund since its inception.

Recipients of the $1,000 awards are Justin Hieggelke of Joliet, who will attend the University of Illinois at Urbana, and Kevin Monroe of Shorewood, who will attend Pennsylvania State University.

Winners of the $750 awards are Lora Marie Alexander of Morris, who will attend The College of St. Francis; Kersten Etheridge, Shorewood, Illinois State University; Timothy Monroe, Shorewood, University of Notre Dame; and Sara Joy Rau, Joliet, St. Ambrose University, Davenport, Iowa.

Scholarship recipients may use the awards at any college or university. They may attend JJC or a four-year institution. Any resident of the JJC Community College District may apply. The judging committee awards points for such considerations as being the spouse or dependent of a JJC faculty member, grade point average, content of the letter of application, community service, and references.

Applications for next year's awards must be made before the start of the 1997 fall semester, Stobart stated.

95 to receive Scholarships

Approximately 95 scholarships will be awarded to more than 150 students in a presentation Sunday, September 22, at 3 p.m. All students, faculty, and staff are invited.

Awards and scholarships will be presented in the main cafeteria with a reception on the bridge following the ceremony. The award ceremony is an annual event in recognition of those JJC students who, through special achievements and qualifications have won one of the growing number of scholarships. Organizations, companies, and individuals who establish the scholarships set the criteria for determining recipients

The JJC Foundation has established a new Peotone Bank and Trust Scholarship.It was created by a gift of $12,000 from the Peotone Bank and Trust Company. The funds will be invested and only earnings will be used to support the tuition and fees of a Peotone High School graduate attending JJC

Horoscopes---

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Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

A chance meeting with a Gemini could lead to something bigger than you imagined. Get all of your homework done tonighe and you will be the star of the class tomarrow. Determination is the key.

Aquarius (Dec. 22-Jan 19)

You will hear the music soon; keep your ears open. Going to a party this weekend will lighten your mood and open the doors to a new romance. Pices, Capricorn play dominant roles.

Pices (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Hold off on marriage plans until you are absolutely sure that you are ready. Work will go well if you have a good attitude. Although school is strenuous, it paves the way for the financial jackpot in your future.

Note: I would very much like to have an advice column, but first I need people to give advice to. If anyone has any questions or problems, or if you'd like a second opinion on anything, please write to the Blazer and I will give you the best advice that I can.

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JJC SPORTS NOTES

By Betha Cramer

BANQUET

This years Hall of Fame Banquet will be September 21 at 7 p.m. in the JJC Cafeteria. Jenny Karges- women's tennis, Sylvester Cottrell- basketball and Jim Scheffler- baseball will be honored. Tickets for this fundraiser are $25 a person and include a buffet dinner. Everyone is welcome.

OPEN GYM

Athletic Director Wayne King has announced open gym times for this semester. Monday and Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. and Tuesday and Thursday from 9 to 11 a.m.. You must be a registered JJC student to use the gym.

NOT TOO LATE

Anyone interested in registering for the Fitness Center is encouraged to do so. The Fitness Center is located in G building.

SPORT FANS

The JJC Football team play their home games at Joliet Memorial Stadium on West Jefferson Street. The Volleyball team plays home games at A. A. Wills gym at JJC. Admission is free to these events with a JJC student I.D.

Wacky World of Sports

By Mark Gregory

What's up, Doc? The soon-to-be-released movie Space Jam, starring Michael Jordan, Bill Murray and a cast of Warner Bros. cartoon characters, is expected to have no spaces when moviegoers jam into the theater to see it. In fact it cannot afford to. This movie cost so much that at his current NBA salary, Jordan could play five more seasons and still not be able to pay for it. You do the math.

Say it Again, Sammy. I am sure all of you have seen the new television ad for the Denny's food chain. The ad is used to promote the new hologram baseball cards that can be purchased with a meal. The commercial opens with future Hall-of-Famer Tony Gwynn then goes on to feature the cards and Denny's low-priced menu selections. At the end of the commercial, Gwynn is seen walking down a locker room hallway with Cubs slugger Sammy Sosa. During the conversation, listen closely; the lines spoken by Sosa may sound odd to Cubs fans. This is because the lines are not spoken by Sosa. Due to reasons unknown to myself, Denny's hired a voice-over for his lines. Sammy has a deep, heavy accent and although the voice has an accent, it is not as bold.

Here Comes the Bride...Or Groom...Or....??? Anyone who read the Blazer last year knows I can't ignore the wedding plans of everybody's favorite cross dresser, Dennis Rodman. No one really knows the truth behind the wedding except that Dennis was the bride. Who his spouse to be was, or is, is left up in the air. All I know is I will be happy to see Dennis in red shorts and tank-top rather than a white dress.

JJC Sport Poll

By Carla Swinke

Who will win the World Series?

Atlanta Braves 21
California Angels 2
Yankees 3
Houston Astros 3
Oakland Athletics 1
Chicago White Sox 5
Chicago Cubs 4
Blackhawks 1
Rush Limbaugh 1
Bob Dole 2
Mike Mckaskey 1
Kevin Butler 1

Ten returning players add strength to Wolves lineup

By Mark Gregory

In the world of sports after a losing season, it is custom for a team to use the motto "Wait until next year." Well, for the Joliet Junior College football team, next year has arrived. Last season the Wolves went a disappointing three and seven, losing six games by less than a single touchdown. While they sat on the doorstep of victory, they seldom were allowed in. This season, however, the door seems to be held open. To battle a schedule that consists of six teams ranked in the top twenty-five including two in the top ten, Coach John Rossetti and his staff have compiled a team with ten returning players with starting experience and a slew of talented freshmen.

Coach Rossetti

The offense features two returning wide receivers, Craig Gunter and Deno Farley. This could be a large asset to the Wolves' air attack; not only are speed and good hands a plus, but experienced wide outs bring an intelligence on the field. Tight End Jeff Aron will also provide a spark in the passing game. The leader of the JJC air attack is veteran field general Casey Veenhof. He should also be allowed more time to work behind a new offensive line. The line returns Offensive Tackle Chris Craig and Offensive Guard turned Center, Robert Parsons. Another player hoping to benefit from the play of the offensive line is second year Running Back Clem Coleman, who hopes to spearhead a productive running game.

The defensive side of the ball is a different story. There are only three returning defensive players, Defensive Tackles Kenny Augustus and Greg Taylor and Free Saftey Bill Frigic. The veterans will need to provide a strong nucleus and allow the rookies to rally around their talent and leadership. This strong nucleus, coupled with a young, talented linebacker corp, seems to provide a young, solid defense. With a defense that will be bringing back just about everyone next season, I would suggest talented high school seniors send their films elsewhere.

In this, the third season for Head Coach John Rossetti, the Joliet Junior College football team looks good on paper. Although players' names, height, weight and stats do not win football games, Coach Rossetti seems confident his team has the ability, the guts, and the heart to win games. Joliet Junior College is a respected football program under the supervision of Coach Rossetti and his staff. In the first two years together they sent 12 and 17 players to Division I or Division II AA in each year respectively. This year seems no different. Under the leadership of talented veterans and skilled rookies, the Wolves look to huff and puff and blow down the door to victory that escaped them last year.

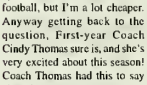
Julie Walsh returns to lead volleyballers

By Roy Herman

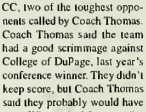
Are you ready for some volleyball? I may not be Hank Williams, Jr., the star from the opening song on Monday night football, but I'm a lot cheaper. Anyway getting back to the question, First-year Coach Cindy Thomas sure is, and she's very excited about this season! Coach Thomas had this to say about her team.

"They are talented and a very coachable group. They have come a long way in a short time and have adapted well to me as their coach."

The team has three players back from last year and one key returning starter, Julie Walsh. She will be counted on to provide leadership, and her teammates will probably be looking for that during the season. Especially against College of St. Francis JV and Kankakee CC, two of the toughest opponents called by Coach Thomas. Coach Thomas said the team had a good scrimmage against College of DuPage, last year's conference winner. They didn't keep score, but Coach Thomas said they probably would have won. When asked for a prediction on this year's team, Coach Thomas said hopefully in the top two. On a more important note, though, that they get better with each game. Good luck, team. Jump on the bandwagon now and cheer them on.



Julie Walsh



Coach Thomas

Baseball--

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Smith, one of the Wolves' all-time winningest pitchers with a two-year record of 14-1 (a .788 winning percentage), posted an 8-3 record and a 3.59 earned run average. He pitched 67 2/3 innings, the most of any 1996 JJC pitcher. Smith, a 6-ft. 4-inch, 210-lb. hurler, struck out 42 against 25 walks.

Both Raciti and Smith will attend NCAA Division I Chicago Northeastern Illinois University on scholarships in 1996-97.

Hodgman honored

The National Council for Geographic Education has selected Len Hodgman, JJC geography professor emeritus and Lewis University adjunct faculty member, as a 1996 Distinguished Teaching Achievement Award recipient.

Hodgman, who also served on JJC's Board of Trustees, was one of 10 college/university professors and 29 K-12 teachers selected from 10 regions in the United States and Canada.

Nominations for the awards were submitted by colleagues, and recipients were chosen by a panel of three judges. The award considers outstanding contributions to geographic education at the college or university level, teaching materials and methods, publications, and student and peer evaluations.

? What career is the best choice for you?

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Dan Grimes and Ray Schemel, holding sticks, search for Jon Swearengen and Nicole Marquardt, who are hiding in the dark, as they rehearse for *Black Comedy.*

Black Comedy opens Friday

By Justin Marchert

The JJC Players begin the 1996-1997 theater season tomorrow night with their production of Peter Shaffer's Black Comedy.

No, it's not another WB sit-com but the tale of a struggling young artist whose ambitions are flipped upside down the night of a fateful thunderstorm.

"The reason we picked this play is that it's an upbeat start to the season," says director Rosaline B. Stone. Stone, who has been directing at JJC for 27 years, promises a "very excited and enthusiastic cast."

The play takes place in the *apartment of Brindsley Miller,* the young artist played by freshman Jon Swearengen. Miller and his fiancée, returning student Dee Totz, hope to gain recognition for Miller's work by inviting to the apartment a famed art patron played by sophomore Brian Stanley.

Unfortunately, Miller's interior decor is less than impressive, so he "borrows" the furniture of a supposedly out-of-town neighbor played by sophomore Daniel A. Grimes. Miller's perfectly planned evening takes the first of many unexpected twists when a thunderstorm takes out the power, leaving the actors, as the title suggests, in the black.

As if this isn't enough, Miller's ex-girlfriend, future father-in-law, and "furnitureless" neighbor all enter the picture, leading to inevitable hilarity.

Stone explains that the play's unusual convention is that when the characters can see, the audience can't, and vice versa. Before the power goes out, the stage is dark, only to be lit after the black-out.

According to Stone, "Shaffer is trying to point out the ridiculous lengths human beings

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Student eating habits

'Do as we say, not as we do'

By Catherine Crozier

According to the College Eating Index, a survey of more then 500 college students, 98% report they are concerned with their health and 80% believe they eurrently eat a well-balanced diet. Today's college student is choosing foods like chicken (60%) and pasta (75%) over pizza (26%), candy (16%), and chips (16%). However, the obsession of today's society with thinness has students skipping meals, which can cause nutritional deficiencies. Eighty percent of the students surveyed skip at least one meal a week!

Jason Kellett, freshman from Aledo, eats a big breakfast in the cafeteria.

The big problems seem to be time and availability. Students don't make the time to eat; they grab a soda (37%), a bagel (60%), or smoke a cigarette (11%) instead of sitting down to a well-balanced meal. According to the survey, convenience and availability are among the top reasons that vending machines are so popular.

Although this survey was conducted at campuses with the majority of students living in residential housing, JJC seems to be no different. Students interviewed all stated that they are concerned with their health and try on a regular basis to eat a healthy diet. Why, then, are so many students' trays laden with French fries, hamburgers, and diet soda?

It all boils down to what is quick and easy. Vending machines are set up all over for a quick fix of sugar. And although

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Cafeteria changes hours, entry

By Steve Hicks

The cafeteria underwent much change for the start of the Fall semester 1996. The hours of the cafeteria were shortened and a turnstile was added. The hours for the cafeteria are from 7a.m. to 7p.m. Monday through Thursday, and from 7a.m. to 3p.m. on Friday. Hot entrees and the grill are open from 7:30a.m. until 6:30p.m. The addition of the turnstiles are a counting measure, implemented by Patrick Hegarty, chairman, Culinary Arts and Hotel Restaurant Management Departments, and Food Service Director.

The change in the hours of the cafeteria has caused a reaction from the J.J.C. staff, students, and administration. The hours of the cafeteria were 7a.m. to 8:30p.m. Monday through Thursday, which allowed for a greater number of the night students to utilize the cafeteria and its services. According to Hegarty, "It was wasteful to have the cafeteria open from 7a.m. until 8:30p.m." When asked why the cafeteria was only serving hot entrees and grill items until 6:30p.m., Hegarty replied,"You simply don't get anything after that." Hegarty's reasoning behind the change in hours was the timing of the classes in the evening and the lack of participation by the J.J.C. community. Hegarty has kept a record of the business after 7p.m. for the past two years and said the data reflected a change in hours. Hegarty is open to a change in hours "but we will just have to look at what we will do during that hour and a half."

The permanant turnstiles were an idea of Hegarty to control the flow of patrons using the cafeteria and to effectively count the number of patrons using the facility. The J.J.C. community has adapted readily to the turnstiles and Hegarty has had no reaction thus far.

Counselor Tom Mack and son, Aaron, come through the new turnstiles in the cafeteria.

From the desk of the Editor

By Stephen Hicks

Is our cafeteria really that bad? A lot of complaining has come out of the J.J.C. community in recent weeks. Rumors of price discrepancies and length of hours have been echoing through our halls for quite some time. After an extensive, but not painful, interview with Patrick Hegarty, Chairman of Culinary Arts, I came to one conclusion: you can't please everyone all the time. Now, of course, I am paraphrasing, but this famous old saying just keeps on ringing true.

Current pricing of the food in the cafeteria seems to be fair. What I deem as fair, may not be someone else's idea of fair. We all know the cafeteria cannot compete with the pricing of the fast food franchise companies, or can it? Since the Culinary Arts students prepare the cafeteria food as part of their program without pay, shouldn't that decrease the price? Couldn't Culinary Arts use whatever is grown in the farm field by the agricultural department just northeast of the school to further decrease the price? Where do the profits from the food go? How much money does the college allow for this department, and who is setting these prices for the food anyway? According to Hegarty, prices in our cafeteria are close to prices at Wendy's, and he has documentation showing comparable prices in other college cafeterias. For now I take his word, about the other colleges that is. Hegarty has no chance of beating Wendy's. Feedback anyone? This may become interesting.

The hours of the cafeteria are a different story. I am heavily in favor of the cafeteria staying open later for the evening community. Last year, I spent some evenings on campus and was grateful to have hot food on campus. With the reduction in hours of service, the night students are nutritiously sustained on pop and Snickers bars. Not a healthy combination, for most. I do understand that there is less use of the cafeteria during the evening than during the day, but isn't that true of most restaurants? The later it gets, the fewer the customers. We need to establish a happy medium that would serve the purpose of the J.J.C. community and that of the cafeteria. A *BLAZER* suggestion would be a survey of how many community members would utilize the cafeteria facility in the later evening.

In closing, the answer to last edition's riddle was a chair, a bed, and a toothbrush. The riddle was in the question. Now, I let you ponder this: If you feed it, it will live. Give it something to drink, and it will surely die. Appropriate, don't you think?

How powerful is the pen?

By Bill Fox

As quickly as this summer has ended, so has the news of the "Unabomber" and of the bombing at the Olympic Park in Atlanta. The media has put these individuals in the spotlight and has taken them out just as quickly. Yet the afterthoughts of these events still linger in my mind as though they happened yesterday.

I remember waking up Saturday morning and turning on the television when I found out about the bombing at the Olympic Park this summer. I was at home in Joliet, hundreds of miles away, but my heart sank and a tear came to my eye. I had to find out if anyone was injured, or worse yet, killed. I had to know if anyone I knew was there. After calling a friend who lives in Atlanta and finding out that they were all okay, my curiosity turned to why did this happen and who was behind all of this?

"Shortly after being dubbed a hero, Richard Jewell, a security guard for the Centennial Olympics, was one of the several suspects who might have planted the device" (U.S. News and World Report-Aug. 12, 1996). I felt the entire event had quickly come to an end with that announcement. Unfortunately, there has not been closure to this case, and will Richard Jewell ever be able to return to his life the way it was before that devastating weekend? I have seen no signs of Richard Jewell in the news lately. Although there are a few shots of his mother, who is pleading with officials to clear her son's good name.

But does it end there? I had the opportunity to visit the Olympic Park a week after the Olympics had ended. I saw the children running and playing in the Olympic rings that spouted out water as a fountain and cooling mist. Families dodged water as they got into position for a Kodak moment and they got wet as they tried to escape the fountain's spray. The sounds were of people talking and laughing. I observed families anxiously searching the park for their names on the brick, which showed their support of the Games. Spirits were high and there was a sense of being part of history in the making. I felt very happy to be part of all of this. And very sad for the two individuals who lost their lives and all the people who were injured that weekend.

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Can you identify this campus scene?

Do you know where this campus scene is located and what the three-legged object in the foreground is? The scene in the last issue is identified on Page 6.

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Bill Ongenae, bookstore part-time employee and student from Joliet, is busy at the cash register.

The price of convenience

By Keri Murray

A familiar story is affecting the Joliet Junior College Bookstore and anyone who uses it. It is simply big business versus small business owners. A patron of the bookstore will pay more than three times the amount for a 4-oz. bottle of Elmer's glue than if purchased at Wal-Mart. While that is an extreme example, it is not the only one. Comparison shopping on other items revealed that for the same Mead Compositional Notebook, Wal-Mart's price is a frugal $.97 cents while the bookstore charges $1.60.

Although this may seem an outrageous mark-up, profit for the two stores could be the same. With Wal-Mart's whopping 2,255 stores nationwide, (not to mention Sam's Club), it can certainly afford to buy in large quantities and pass the savings on to the public, while often the small business owner's only hope is to find some niche in the industry. Location may be the only advantage some small companies have. In other cases it may be the hometown friendliness they can offer that larger stores and businesses cannot supply. In addition to the convenient location, the Joliet Junior College Bookstore also enables students who have a grant to purchase necessary books and materials with little or no money down (depending on the specifications of the grant).

In all fairness, I wanted to compare prices yet again, but this time with another one-store business. I am pleased to report that on two out of three items, JJC's bookstore had the lower price. As students and consumers, we are forced to make the decision between lower prices or convenience. Another factor in this decision is community support. This country could be creating monopolies that one-store owners in our area are unable to compete with.

Roughly 60 percent of all small businesses fail in the first six years after opening. Fortunately, our bookstore is not one of them and, also fortunately, we have the freedom to choose what store will best fit our needs.

'Where is this place?'

By Jason Maholy

Imagine a place where you have the freedom to do almost anything you want. You can put substances into your body that will make you feel great, ease your pain, or make you stronger. In this place you can travel quickly and easily in machines that travel at great speeds on land or in the air. You also have the right to carry a defense mechanism to protect you from wrongdoers.

Of course there are consequences to all of these freedoms. Those substances you put in your body can become almost necessary, wearing your body down until they destroy you. Addiction to these substances, and there are many, has become an epidemic that is wiping out those that live in this place. The machines that transport you so quickly and easily also poison the air you breathe and water you drink. In fact, the machines themselves can kill you if improperly used or if they do not operate properly. That right to carry a weapon is really of no use because individuals who shouldn't have them do, and they use them to kill off other members of society for no apparent reason.

This place is run by a governing body that includes many corrupt officials. The system that provides law and order to this free land is also corrupt, often receiving payment from killers and other lawbreakers. The head of this whole operation is usually a lying cheat who likes war and would rather help those outside of his empire than those that pay his salary.

The most important factor in this place is neither happiness, self-righteousness, nor love. It is money, which one needs not just to have the things that one wants but that one needs to survive. The process for getting this money often involves giving up the things you love or the things that make you happy.

What a dismal place to live, if that's what you can call it. It sounds like hell.

Know the issues to rock the vote

By Kyle Sing

It is election time once again. It seems all glitz and gab when it comes to the Democratic and Republican National conventions with all the hornblowing going on.

Two months from now it will be our duty to decide the fate of our country. I've talked to a lot of people about who they feel deserves their vote, and what I've found is that very few know exactly who deserves their vote, and a great many are undecided. Even scarier is the fact that many people who don't know whom to vote for also don't know what the candidates stand for. However, those who aren't sure where they stand on the issues and the candidates must not get caught up in the commercial aspect of the '96 election, and as Americans make it their duty to be informed. Be sure to read and research the candidates to make an informed vote.

The only way to insure the best possible future for our country is to vote for the best candidate. I know that a lot of us don't have the time in our hectic lives to make a trip to the library to read up on Bob Dole and Bill Clinton, but the only way to make things better for our nation is to really find out: What is really going on? Who stands for what? Whose policies will improve our lives? Who follows up on promises made?

We may think we know where we stand on the important issues, but do we? I'm not trying to make anyone doubt their views on abortion, taxes, crime prevention, gun control etc., but rather to encourage them to double check and make sure they know where they stand. What we're dealing with here is the future of our country.

The bottom line is: Be informed and make a change for the better. This presidential election or any election for that matter isn't just about punching a ticket; it's about insuring a better America for all of us. The right to vote is one of the greatest rights we have; we give the power and we can also take it away. Our fate is our own to decide. Rock the vote!

Power of the Pen--

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Near the Swatch pavilion and stage area, where the device was discovered, I observed people in silence. I stopped for awhile to reflect on the things that I take for granted, some of those simple things, like waking up in the morning and having a bed to go to at night.

So where does the media leave the lives of the families affected by these tragedies? Ted Kacynski, his family, and all the lives of the people affected by the mail bombings? Where is Richard Jewell and will he ever be cleared? Can he ever lead a normal life again? What about the families of all those killed on flight 800, and the fears instilled in people flying because of such terrorist acts.

Even though the media turns off the spotlight and leaves us in the dark about the continuing aftermath of these tragic events, their coverage has brought us face-to-face with the human condition and heightened our emotional reaction to it for a time. It has made us think more deeply about ourselves and our own lives. Perhaps, media coverage of tragic events, though often superficial and over-dramatized, is not all bad So sit back and wait until the spotlight is turned back on.

Expand your horizons

Treat yourself to JJC's Art Gallery

By Shawn Smith

Remember back in grade school and high school when you wondered why you had to take all those boring courses that didn't really interest you? You said to yourself, "I'm not going to be a mathematician. Why do I have to take algebra?" Your teachers and parents told you that those classes would make you well-rounded.

Now that you're in college and have more freedom, here's your chance to become well-rounded without having to take a class that you can't stand. The second floor of J-Building holds a small roomful of culture. It's the Laura A. Sprague Art Gallery, and it screams artistic expression.

Founded in 1978 with a donation from JJC student Laura Kingsberry, daughter of Laura A. Sprague, the gallery has long been a show place for student and faculty art. On top of the school shows, the gallery holds shows for various outside artists and artist guilds.

After the spot was chosen, William Fabrycki, art instructor now retired, designed the gallery. The room was originally a student lounge with couches and chairs, so the window to the stairs was already in place. "It was a perfect spot for the gallery in many ways," said Fabrycki.

The gallery holds many types of shows. They range from juried exhibitions to variety shows to invitational shows. Interested students can submit artwork to the juried show by contacting Joe Milosevich, Museum director, in the K-Building.

The gallery is funded in part by the fine arts budget. Since it is a nonprofit gallery, aid from the state is also available.

So what does the gallery do for you? Milosevich believes that it "exposes people to a wide variety of visual art forms." Milosevich added that the museum is not just for art students and instructors but for all students and faculty as well as the community at large.

"It's a good way for students to get their work shown and see many other works," said Fabrycki. You might see your friend's work hanging there, or maybe even one of your teacher's pieces.

How can the average student get involved? By simply attending the gallery show, you're making yourself think. It's open almost every day and is easy to get to. Milosevich said, "Really, for everyone, it makes you think — it sparks your imagination."

Now that you have a chance to become well-rounded without having to suffer through your least-favorite subject, go see what's in the Art Gallery. You'll get more than just an eyeful — you'll get a mindful.

Bill Neumann, freshman from Braidwood, and Richard Skorupa, tutor in the Academic Skills Center, view the current exhibit in the Laura Sprague Art Galley.

Works from two former Joliet Junior college students were on display when the JJC Laura A. Sprague Art Gallery hosted its first show of the new season September 3-27.

Sergio Gomez and Javier Chavira, both of Joliet, have extensive experience in the art field and have participated in numerous group exhibitions. The JJC show featured the paintings and drawings of Chavira and Gomez.

A reception for the artists was held from 6-8 p.m. Friday, September 13.

Guest recital

Joliet Junior College's Guest Artist Recital Series, Musical Viva, presented its first recital of the season with performances by students from Indiana University's School of Music September 22.

'Good Person' has try-outs October 7-8

The Joliet Junior College Fine Arts Department will hold auditions for The Good Person of Setzuan on Monday, October 7, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. and Tuesday, October 8, from 3:00-5:00 and 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theatre in K-Bldg.

Written by German playwright Bertolt Brecht, The Good Person of Setzuan uses comedy, drama, music, and special costuming and scenic elements to help audiences explore various social conditions and ethical dilemmas. The production calls for a very large cast and contains roles for actors of all physical types and abilities, ages, and experience levels. Musicians, jugglers, clowns, and individuals with similar interests are also encouraged to audition.

The play will be presented November 21—23. Scripts are available for one and two-day loan at the circulation desk in the JJC library. For more information contact director Zachary Bloomfield at 729-9020, extension 2432, or theatre manager Nicki Blowers at 729-9020, extension 2200.

Now Showing

Jack

By Barbara Lavin

After the extreme violence in all three Godfather movies and Apocalypse Now, it is wonderful to see an extremely talented director like Francis Ford Coppola try his hand at a fantasy-comedy. It is very refreshing to see him direct a film that is both warm and sensitive. The movie does, however, fall short of a cinematic masterpiece.

Robin Williams portrays a 10-year-old boy who is born with a disease that causes him to age at a rate four times faster than the average human being. It is hard for us to believe that a young boy is trapped in the body of a hairy, 40-year-old man. Williams does make us laugh through his comedic stunts but has trouble convincing us that the mentality is that of a young boy. There are quite a few scenes where Jack must pretend to be a man instead of a boy and the scenes fall flat.

Bill Cosby has a small part in the film playing the tutor for Jack. He is a very funny, likable character who adds a nice angle to the movie.

Jack is an entertaining movie which is light on its storyline but does make us leave the theater feeling good. It is a good date movie and also family movie for those with older children.

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Wive's Club

By Melissa Serra

Okay, ladies, it's time for some female bonding! After seeing the sneak-preview of The First Wive's Club, I am convinced that this movie will be a hit. However, the film is definitely designed for a female audience.

The story line concentrates on three women who haven't seen each other since college. After 25 years, they are reunited when a mutual friend commits suicide. They all get together and compare notes on their marriages that have fallen apart over the years. All three of them have been divorced by their husbands and traded in for younger models. Thus, they form the First Wive's Club to seek revenge against their ex-husbands.

With a star-studded cast including Goldie Hawn, Bette Midler and Diane Keaton, this movie is destined to be a success. Hawn and Midler are definitely at their best! They bring hilarious laughter to the screen.

This is one movie you don't want to miss. You'll laugh and you'll cry. So, make it a girl's night out and see The First Wive's Club.

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Feeling Minnesota

By Lauren Swanson

If you like movies with intelligent plots and genuine acting, *Feeling Minnesota* is the movie for you. I went into the theater not knowing really what to expect, since the previews talked about only some of what it was about. I left highly entertained.

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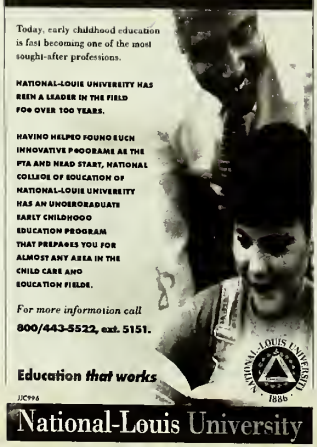

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Can JJC help with this?

Career choices: Difficult decisions

By Connie Wozniak

What do I want to do when I graduate? How do I know it is the right choice? Will I still want to do this after I graduate? How can I know this for sure? These are questions all of us have asked ourselves. Perhaps "Have I done enough research?" is a question we should ask.

How do we go about getting the answers? There are many ways to find the information needed to make that final decision. The next question is, "Am I using all that JJC has to offer?"

According to a recent poll by Blazer reporters, the majority of students don't look for help while choosing careers. As Luke Sikora, a criminal justice major, stated, "I already know what I want to be and don't need to take the class." Many students had similar thoughts. But of the students polled most of them who have taken advantage of resources available have found them to be helpful. "I talked to my advisor, Laura Conrad. She helped me out with my major," said Jake Bilyeu, a sophomore engineering major.

JJC's counseling staff is always willing to offer advice and support, states Dr. Carolyn Engers, director of the counseling areas. The staff is made up of an interesting group of people, most of whom have made major career changes before settling into their counseling position, she explains. They didn't just slide through school and land there to give unqualified advice. They have experienced what the students are dealing with and they have had to struggle with making decision that were right for them.

The Counseling Department does try to get information out in several different forms, such as flyers, pamphlets, letters, the marquee, reserve resources at the circulation desk in the LRC (just ask at the desk), and word of mouth. Unfortunately, the counselors say they do not feel they are reaching the students effectively.

The counselors did one survey to help understand what the students want offered, and they have designed programs around the results. Engers, who is both Dean of Counseling and Registrar, said, "Students indicate they want programs, but attendance is poor. Students who participate feel it is worthwhile." Another survey of what students want is printed in the adjoining box. Your participation would help Counseling help you.

Workshops and classes have been designed around students' needs. CSD 110, Career, Lifestyles, and Development, is a class to help students plan their career choices. It is a three-credit hour class that is transferable to all but one college. This class is broken down into three parts. The first is self-assessment (skill and satisfaction). The second is learning how to access career information (resources, interviews, job shadowing, lecture). It explores trends for the future and what prospects career choices hold. Thirdly, all the information is pulled together and goals are set, barriers are considered and plans are made to work around them. It is a systematic way to gather information and explore options.

Other places to look for information about career choices would be the departments within the college; they are excellent resources with a great deal of information. Visit companies and talk to people in the field, as Ed Johnson, JJC advisor, suggested. "Why don't more people think of it, it's one of the best resources," he added. If you feel a little awkward, don't, he also stated. "Everyone loves talking about themselves and what they do."

Engers suggested that you avoid limiting your impressions to just one when visiting companies. Check out companies of different types and sizes. When students experience more than one setting, it will give a broader view of what a career holds for them. It is a good idea to try to work in a related field or observe someone in a position in which you may be interested. Explore, see what is out there.

Counselors attended a workshop themselves in January, "A Journey into Careers of the Future." They gathered information about the lack of security in the job market and about the many jobs out there that we do not know about yet. Dr. Engers did suggest that students need to be entrepreneurs in their job search and use ingenuity.

The advisors agreed that whatever students decide, they should keep an open mind and explore all the options a major holds. And a major should be chosen for the right reasons. Dollar signs are a popular reason, but look beyond the entry-level pay. Is there a chance for advancement? If you don't like your job, will you advance as far as you might have if you held a position you enjoyed? "Anyone is more likely to be successful, on even a financial level, if the job fits," said Dr. Jessica Skorupa.

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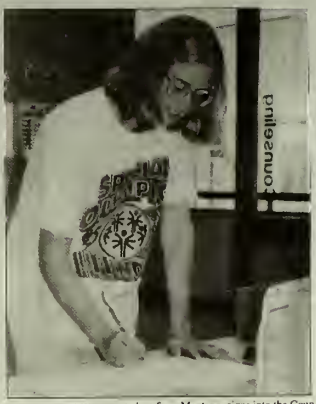

Kristina Williams, student from Manteno, signs into the Counseling Department for an appointment.

JJC Counseling

Please indicate your career planning service needs and return to Dr. Carolyn T. Engers (J-1026) by October 9, 1996.

I am interested in—
(✓)

___ Computerized Career Information Systems with scholarship, college, occupational and major information.
___ Spending a day with a person working in a career area of interest.
___ Talking with workers in a career field of choice.
___ Identifying my career interests via testing.
___ Talking with a J.J.C. instructor in an area of interest.
___ Talking with a J.J.C. counselor about my area of interest.
___ Sitting in on a class of interest.
___ Campus vocational tour.
___ Access to computerized available jobs.
___ Using / getting assistance from campus job placement service
___ Obtaining assistance with resume writing.
___ Attending short career seminars in-
  ___ Clarification of Job-Related Values.
  ___ How to Talk to Parents/Spouse About Your Career Interests.
  ___ Skills for the New Job Market.
  ___ Career Options in Areas of Interest.
  ___ What Can I Do With a Degree In a Particular Area?
  ___ Relocating.
  ___ Considering a Job Change.
  ___ Multicultural Concerns.
___ Locating Career Resources.
___ Tomorrow's Job Market.

Other? Please state:_____

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___ Job Match

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Yes___; No___

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Eating habits--

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the cafeteria has a salad/fruit bar and heart-healthy meals, it's just faster and cheaper to pop in your change and eat on the run. No wonder the statistics say that by senior year in college 42% of students say they've gained weight since high school?

JJC has many programs available to help keep students, faculty, and staff on the right track to a healthy lifestyle. One is a new program recently implemented called the Wellness Center. Its purpose is to keep all of us at JJC practicing preventive health habits that will ward off illness and accidents. Just one example of this approach was the survey on student use of drugs conducted last spring with results printed in the Blazer.

Another is the Fitness Center, with its purpose being to get students up and moving. HPR 101 is a transferable course, and many students take advantage of this way to use the Fitness Center with its state-of-the-art equipment.

Most of us in the JJC community know what to do to stay healthy, yet many of us avoid taking an active part in modifying our diets and exercise. JJC's holistic wellness goal is encouraging all of us to garner information that will lead to healthier habits.

Black Comedy--

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go to to impress other people."

Other cast members include Mary Ingram, sophomores Ray Schemel and Bruce Ritenour, and Freshman Nicole Marquart. Understudies include sophomore Neil Ryan, Jennifer Ludden, and Lisa Pitalka and freshman Tom Hazer.

The play is often performed on the same ticket as another Shaffer work, White Liars. This drama has the same theme but is intended to contrast the comic nature of Black Comedy.

Rather than presenting White Liars to begin the evening, the Culinary Arts Department will offer its services in preparing a dinner for audience members. The menu for the four-course meal was created especially for this production and will be hosted by cast members.

Show nights and times are October 3, 4, and 5 at 8 p.m. and October 6 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are still available through the theater department. Prices are $1 for JJC students and children; $2 for JJC faculty, staff, seniors, and non-JJC students; $3 for the general public.

JJC to dedicate vet memorial

Joliet Junior College will have a dedication ceremony for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Panel located on the bridge. The ceremony will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, October 6.

Speakers include U.S. Congressman Jerry Weller and Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient Hal Fritz of the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs. The public is invited.

With public support, the college honors Vietnam veterans in granite panels on the Main Campus, displaying names of those who were killed in action or as a result of that war. Fifty-eight names are engraved, representing almost every community in the JJC District.

More on campus dress

So many people at JJC had an opinion on fashion that the article in the September paper has been continued to this issue.

Question: What, in your opinion, is an average outfit for girls and for boys?

-a t-shirt and jeans for both girls and boys.

-bib shorts and crop tops for girls, jeans and a t-shirt for guys.

-nice shirts, usually fitted and jeans for girls, and a t-shirt, jeans and a baseball hat for boys.

-flannels and jeans or cut-offs for girls and boys.

Question: In your opinion, are students at JJC, for the most part, dressed appropriately?

-All of the students at JJC that were asked this question said yes.

Question: If you could change anything about a girls/boys outfit, what would it be?

-girls needs shirts/blouses that fit-not ones that are tight.

-I wouldn't change anything. Jeans and a t-shirt are very comfortable.

-I wouldn't change a thing if everyone dresses within reason. It's their choice.

-girls should be better dressed.

-appearance is very important.

-I would change the tight shorts and ripped clothes.

-boys should wear more of a variety of clothes.

-Dress more relaxed and comfortable

Question: What would you like to see, in the way of clothes, shoes, etc., disappear from fashion?

-Ripped jeans

-tighter fitting clothes

-bell bottoms and ripped jeans

See advisor to plan now

Now is the time for students to begin planning Spring '97 course schedules with their assigned advisor or counselor, states Dr. Carolyn Engers, dean of Registration and Counseling. Students who do not know the name of their assigned advisor or counselor should do the following:

1) Run your course schedule and check the advisor/counselor name at the top right.

2) Check the list of advisors attached to the student KIOSK terminals for the advisor's/counselor's room and phone extension.

3) Make an appointment directly with your assigned advisor or counselor.

4) run your advisor summary off one of the student KIOSK terminals and take it to your meeting with your advisor or counselor.

Touch-tone only registration for the Spring '97 term is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 12, at 7 a.m. Be an early planner!

Ojibwe to speak

Candance Esquivel, executive director for the American Indian Center of Chicago, will be guest speaker for the Native American Club Wednesday, October 9. Everyone is welcome at the 7 p.m. meeting in J3011 (TV Studio).

Esquivel's topic will be "Ojibwe Language Teachings of the Medicine Wheel." The regular club meeting will take place at 6:30, prior to the special presentation.

Registrar's Survey

We are planning to place final grades on our touch-tone telephone system to provide you with quick, efficient service while reducing mailing costs and delays plus your travel time.

Once this system is completed, we will no longer mail out final grade reports. Your options may be generating an unofficial transcript (advisor summary) or a copy of your final grades off one of the Student KIOSK terminals at no cost.

Would you still require, or would you prefer, an option of ordering a formal copy of your final grade report at a charge of $5?

Yes____; No____.

Comments:

Please complete and return to Office of the Registrar (J-1026) by October 9.

Mystery Pix

The answer to the *Blazer* mystery picture last issue is the one-room schoolhouse moved to the campus by the Agricultural/Horticultural Sciences Department and maintained as a museum. The scene was shot from the windows of C-Building. A story on the schoolhouse will appear in the next *Blazer*.

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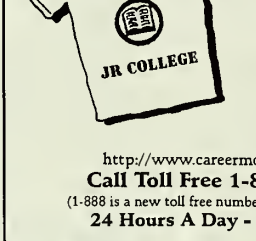

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JJC Women on TOP in new careers

By Cynthia Chubb and Barbara Lavin

It's the 90's and high time for women to explore career areas where men have traditionally dominated.

The Technical Opportunities Program (TOP) for Women in Non-Traditional Careers is a FREE 15-week program administered by JJC's Institute of Economic Technology (IET) in cooperation with Women Employed.

The well-rounded program offers a heavy dose of hands-on experience in six career areas, plus tours of local corporations like Commonwealth Edison and Caterpillar.

Additional benefits include: basic computer and math training; tips for workplace survival and safety; participation in the AIMS computerized job matching system, coupled with professional IET career counseling; and fitness/weight training to enhance overall health.

Christina Carpanzano, Employment and Training Coordinator at IET, said, "This program integrates the best of JJC in terms of offering top-notch instruction to a group who will benefit directly from the efforts of their instructors and the support of their peers."

According to Carpanzano, when Commonwealth Edison and Caterpillar came out to the Main Campus to administer their employment screening tests to the TOP participants, Commonwealth Edison hired the three individuals out of eight who passed. All the participants who took the Caterpillar test passed and one individual is waiting for final word on whether she was hired.

When the participants successfully complete the TOP program, they are each awarded a $200 Training Voucher to be applied toward a JJC Vocational Associate Degree Program and a 100-piece do-it-herself "Hire Ground" Tool Kit. One of the spring participants, Sarah Cheske, has already taken advantage of this opportunity and is currently enrolled in the Automotive Services Technology Program at JJC.

The Automotive and Manufacturing Technologies are only two of the six career areas explored. The Computer Aided Drafting (CAD)/Construction Technology involves remodeling a residential basement via computer. In Electronic Engineering Technology participants learn to safely build electrical circuits and use test equipment, while in Petrochemical Technology refinery process operations are taught. Last of all, Automated Systems Technology allows study on internet and changing computer workloads.

The fall TOP Session is already in progress two nights a week, Tuesday and Thursday, from 6-10 p.m., with 16 participants. Fortunately, the spring 1997 session has been expanded to 24 participants and is scheduled to begin January 14. Interested individuals should contact IET at (815) 727-6544 and speak to either Christina Carpanzano at extension 1323, or Program Manager, Suzanne Birsa at extension 1309 to register. Space is limited and a registration form and interview are required before acceptance into the program.

Students take a look inside an engine.

CAMPUS POLICE BLOTTER

10:50 a.m. 8/28 Traffic Accident: A two-vehicle traffic accident that occurred at Houbolt and the Exit Road was investigated.

7:50 a.m. 8/30 Traffic Accident: A two-vehicle traffic accident that occurred on the Entrance Road was investigated.

2:00 p.m. 8/30 Theft Over $300: A college-owned camera was reported stolen from the Formal Dining Room.

6:40 p.m. 8/31 Smoke Report: The on-duty officer investigated a smoke report at the City Center Campus. No fire or smoke was present but several AC units were unplugged as a precaution.

1:20 p.m. 9/5 Traffic Accident-Hit & Run: A hit& run traffic accident that occurred in lot #2 was investigated.

1:30 p.m. 9/5 Theft Under $300: A theft of U.S. Currency from a bank bag was reported.

9:54 p.m. 9/5 Assist U.S. Immigration: Two non-students were determined to be illegal aliens. The information was forwarded to the U.S. Immigration Department.

9:00 p.m. 9/6 Theft Under $300: A student at the City Center Campus reported the theft of Culinary Arts supplies.

1:56 p.m. 9/6 Traffic Accident: A two vehicle traffic accident that occurred at T-Lot exit and the exit road was investigated.

2:30 p.m. 9/6 Burglary to Motor Vehicle: A cellular phone was reported stolen from a vehicle parked in lot #3.

12:20 p.m. 9/10 Criminal Damage to Property: College furniture located on the bridge was intentionally damaged beyond repair. The three individuals were referred for disciplinary action.

6:30 p.m. 9/11 Suspended Drivers License: A traffic enforcement action revealed that the driver was operating the vehicle with a suspended driver's license.

8:44 p.m. 9/11 Medical Assist: The officers responded to a report of a student who had fallen in T-Bldg. The student refused medical treatment.

6:34 p.m. 9/12 Recovered Stolen Vehicle: A vehicle that had been reported as a stolen vehicle was recovered in a parking lot at the City Center Campus.

9:57 p.m. 9/12 Towed Vehicle: An apparent abandoned vehicle was towed from the City Center Campus parking area.

4:24 p.m. 9/13 Traffic Accident: A college vehicle was damaged in a traffic accident off campus.

Career help--

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The counseling office has published a pamphlet filled with ideas about how to gain the knowledge needed to make your career choice. "My Major is? Strategies for the Deciding Transfer Student." Even if you are decided, there is useful information in it. The following information is from this source: 50-60% of college students change majors. Most college students do not finish a bachelor's degree in four years. At least 25% of college graduates do not pursue a career that is related to their major. The average American will pursue at least three careers in a lifetime. It is interesting reading, even if you know where you are going.

No matter what your decision, no matter how much research you've put into it, keep an open mind and continue to evaluate the right choice for you.

Minnesota--

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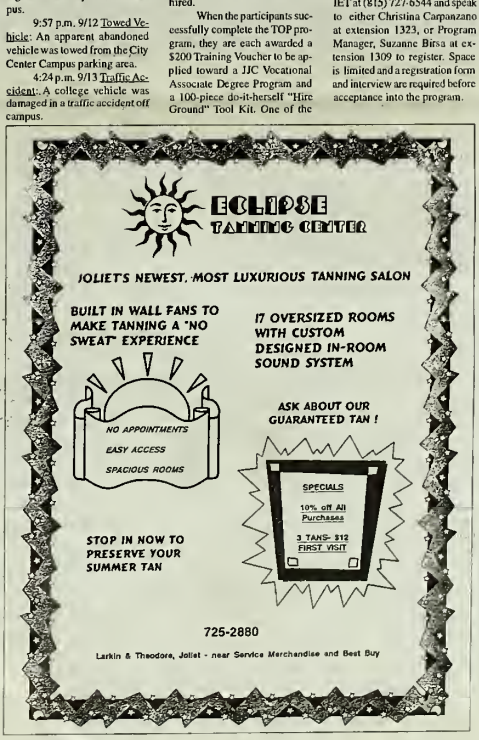
Keanu Reeves finally learned how to act, (his other movies paid off in acting classes) and well, I might add. He plays Jacks, a guy who comes home to his dysfunctional family in Minnesota to see his older brother get married to Cameron Diaz.

Cameron Diaz isn't your typical bride, considering she's being forced into marriage by a couple of people who claim she stole from them, and that's her punishment. She and Keanu have chemistry from the beginning, which snowballs into a great love story with much more.

I give this movie two thumbs up, as did Siskel and Ebert. I recommend going out and seeing this movie if you want to be wildly entertained.



JJC SPORTS NOTES

RESULTS

Football (3-1)

Grand Rapids C.C.	14	JJC	6
Waldorf College	16	JJC	19
Rock Valley C.C.	6	JJC	21
Valparaiso-JV	27	JJC	41

PARENT'S DAY

The home football game on Saturday, October 19, has been designated as Parent's Day. Kick-off is at 1 p.m. Football players and cheerleaders are encouraged to bring thier parents out to Joliet Memorial Stadium for the conference match-up with Illinois Valley Community College. Go Wolves!

VOLLEYBALL

This year's N4C Conference Volleyball Tournament will be held on October 19 at Joliet Junior College. Times to be announced.

Wacky World of Sports

By Mark Gregory

ALPHABATS- With his 500th career homerun, future hall-of-famer Eddie Murray put himself into an elite group. He became only the third player in baseball history to record 3,000 career hits and 500 career homeruns. But, out of his 500 homeruns, did you know that Murray has never hit a homerun off a pitcher whose last name begins with the letter I,U,X or Y?

SILK WDRM- Or should I say "Nylon Worm?" Even in the NBA off season we are still filled with news about Dennis Rodman. His latest adventure included an offer to the Leggs pantyhose company to model their product. Even after he said he would voluntarily shave his legs, the company turned down his offer.

A JAEGER IN THE HEART- With the NFL kicking career of Carlos Huerta coming to an end about as quick as the Tyson v. Seldon fight, the Bears had a chance to right their wrong. They could have acquired the services of the beloved Kevin Butler to do the kicking for the rest of the season. By bringing back "Butthead," Dave Wannstedt could have patched up things between himself and the fans of Chicago. It seems, however, Wannstedt plans to keep the last member of the Superbowl XX team unemployed. The bears did sign veteran kicker Jeff Jaeger to handle the job this year. The former Cleveland Brown and Los Angeles (Dakland) Raider should do a good job for the club, but he's still no Butthead.

Volleyball

Stars shine bright for Wolves

By Mark Gregory

While I was waiting for the JJC volleyball practice to begin, I sat outside the Fitness Center going over my interview questions. Directly in front of me in the hall was the JJC planetarium, where one can see the millions of stars of the universe. Once I got upstairs to the practice, I got to meet with the two stars of the Joliet Junior College volleyball team. Erin Casey and Julie Walsh are not only close friends; they are the heart and soul of the Lady Wolves volleyball team.

Erin Casey is in her inaugural year at JJC after spending four years playing in the storied program of Lockport Township High School. Although her Porter team failed to make it to the state tournament last year, losing to Providence in the qualifying tournament, they did finish second in their conference. Erin also has experience playing for the Unlimited Volleyball Club. Erin's responsibilities as a setter are to deliver the ball to the hitters, enabling them to score.

Coach Cindy Thomas said that Erin is "very intense on the court, she always comes to play and gives 150% every time out." With her ability on the court, Erin Casey is definitely one of the reasons the volleyball program seems to be functioning well. Even though a 5-11-3 record does not seem very positive, Erin assures that, "The teams record doesn't show our talent." The team definitely is improving from their 10-27 record last season.

Teamed with the hiring of Cindy Thomas as new head coach, and the outstanding ability of rookie Erin Casey, the team has another reason they are shining brighter this year. The top player for the Lady Wolves this season is returning sophomore Julie Walsh. Despite her play this year for JJC, Julie Walsh was not a die-hard volleyball player during her years at Lincoln-Way High School; in fact she only played her freshman year. According to Coach Thomas that has now changed. She said "Julie is now committed to volleyball, she wants to play. She doesn't care where she goes to school as long as she can play." This dream of hers seems to be coming true. Coach Thomas also said, "Julie made the effort to improve and make it a reality." The position that Julie excels in on the court is the Outside Hitter. She plays the left side of the court and is responsible for taking the serves and hitting them over the net. Coach Thomas also said Julie is "the team clown" and keeps the team relaxed.

The future is still very foggy as to what each player will do next year. Julie is in her final year of eligibility at JJC and is in search of a school to play for next year. She plans to earn her degree and become a math teacher. Erin, on the other hand, has one more year left to play for the Lady Wolves, but is still undecided on her future plans. She plans to earn her degree in Dental Hygiene. Whether these two stars shine on or off the volleyball courts, their future promises to be bright.

Student athletes must meet guidelines

By Lionel Paramo

So, you want to participate in school sports? Great! Do you think you've got what it takes? Not so fast. Putting aside any athletic ability, of which you've probably got plenty, students interested in participating in any sport at Joliet Junior College must meet certain eligibility requirements.

According to the eligibility rules of the National Junior College Athletic Association, students must meet certain academic requirements. First of all, all student athletes must have completed 12 credit hours with a 1.75 GPA the semester prior to the one in which he/she wishes to participate. Students must also maintain 12 credit hours or more during each term of athletic participation. All second-season athletes must have accumulated 24 credit hours with a 2.00 GPA or higher.

Any athlete who loses his/her eligibility for any reason is allowed to become eligible again. For example, a student who only has 9 credit hours completed in the spring semester and wishes to play in the fall can enroll in summer courses to meet eligibility requirements.

Students who would like a copy of the NJCAA rules or have any further questions may contact Athletic Director Wayne King in the Athletic Office, G1001.

JJC Sport Poll

By Jermaine Coleman

The #3 all-time rivalry in NFL football happens on 10-06-96. Who is going to win?

JJC students and faculty were asked their opinions on the outcome or winning team and the results were as follows:

Bears: 13 people

Packers: 32 people

Mary Lou in the Financial Aid office stated, "I wish I could say the Bears, but Packers will win."

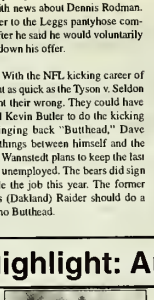
Student Sara Vanderhei bragged, "I am a Chicago girl; of course 'da Bears will win."

Football Highlight: Augustus and Parsons

By Roy Herman

Whoa, Nellie!! I can hear Keith Jackson now, the college football announcer for ABC. Next year at this time we might be hearing him say this about our Kenny Ray Augustus and Robert Parsons. The pair are sophomores who will be leaving us in the near future, and both are committed to pursuing the next level of competition. They have received letters and phone calls from four-year schools to play football. Who are these guys? I'll introduce you.

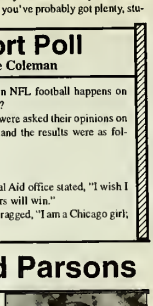
Number 99, Kenny Ray Augustus, is a 6'3", 284-pound defensive lineman out of Bolingbrook High School. He is majoring in education. He said that he is using football to further and better his education. Kenny plans on graduating in December and having a big year on the field. If his year is as big as he, then it should be good. Kenny had this to say about his team; "The best is yet to come. We still haven't jelled as a team on all units, but once we do, I think it's the top of the world for us." Kenny said he came to JJC because of Coach John Rossetti. He briefly attended C.D.D. but it didn't work out. Their loss, our gain!



Robert Parsons

Number 52, Robert Parsons, is a 6'3", 271-pound offensive lineman, from Martinsville High in Southern Indiana. Robert is majoring in physical education and is also using football to further his education. When asked about his thoughts on football, he immediately responded, "I love the game of football. I definitely plan to take my game to the next level and work hard in the classroom."

Robert's thoughts on the team, "We still have room for improvement, but are farther along than at the beginning of the season." Robert came to JJC because Coach Rossetti brought him to see the campus and the rest is history.



Kenny Augustus

Three make Hall of Fame

Three former standout Joliet Junior College student/athletes were inducted into the school's Athletic Hall of Fame at a banquet on September 21.

Honored were former basketball great Sylvester Cottrell, National Junior College Athletic Association Division II tennis national singles champion Jenny Karges and former standout shortstop/pitcher Jim Scheffler.

BLAZER

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Renovated LRC is back in business

The LRC's periodical section has been moved from a dark, back corner to the west end of the window well. The new arrangement and the brighter setting make this area much more accessible to students.

By Suzi Moritti

The Learning Resource Center has been remodeled with new carpeting, new paint, new chairs, and a number of items of new equipment. According to Gerald Anderson, the changes were designed to make the library more spacious and open.

Some of the additions to the library include a circular desk, a service desk, and an on-line program to help students look at other schools to transfer to. The service desk is a reference and magazine area to help make it easier for students to locate reference material. The CD-ROM has also been added for more information access to the students. Yet another change to the library is that the magazines have been moved to the southwest corner.

Some of the changes may make the LRC seem unfamiliar at first, but in the long run, they will help simplify things. These changes have also made things easier for those with a handicap, Anderson said. All the changes comply with the American Disability Act so that all materials and services are now accessible to people in wheelchairs.

These remodeling changes have not been without cost, however, in both time and money. Construction time ran into the fall semester, and according to Anderson, the estimated costs have been exceeded already. The exact cost so far is not known; however, it is estimated at $175,000.

Pillard is Brown Bag presenter

By Stephen Hicks

Henry Pillard, former dean of the Office of Student Services and Activities at JJC, will give a lecture tomorrow at noon on the "96 Summer Olympics and Other Athletic Feats" in the formal dining room (J-0006).

Pillard is a well-known and respected former wrestling coach at JJC and also a recipient of the Alumni Hall of Fame Award. Pillard attended the 92 Games in Korea and Atlanta and was housed with some of this year's Olympic athletes at the games. He will report on his experiences at both events.

Pillard will speak as part of the Brown Bag Lunch Series. The BBLS was established as an informal, thought provoking, and interesting lecture series through staff development in the '80's. Co-chairs for this year's series are Fred Harris and Teri Cullen.

Everyone is invited to the

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Student Center is on the way!

By Jason Maholy

Of the many renovations JJC will undergo over the next couple of years, the largest will be the transformation of D-Mall from a cavernous hall with a bank of steps students gather on into the Student Activity Center. This renovation was made possible by the completion of T-building, which freed up valuable space in C-Building and D-Mall.

The SAC is part of a large and expensive project that will cost approximately $700,000 and will be funded by the state, but it is necessary because of the current size of JJC, explains Dr. Joelyn Ainley, vice-president for Student Affairs. The strain on other areas of the college will be relieved by the SAC, which will include offices, a transfer center, a student meeting center, and a student union. It will also include space for programming and study areas.

Construction on the SAC will begin either this coming summer or fall and completion is targeted for January of 1998. Then students will have a new place to go to study, socialize, play cards, or to just chill out between classes.

Pastoral Resources to open

By Bill Fox

Dr. Thomas Gamble, president of JJC, has sent a confirmation letter to the Rev. Edward Howell, St. Edward's Episcopal Church, to open the Pastoral Resource Center (PRC) here on the main campus. The PRC will provide an opportunity for the College community (students, staff and faculty) to seek out conversation and counseling within the framework of pastoral ministry.

A group of religious congregations and ecumenical organizations in the Joliet area met last spring to discuss the opportunity of having such a group present on campus. Dr. Gamble added that "Brother Dornhos (JJC Campus Ministry) has played a significant role in assisting with this project." The PRC will be located in room F-1009. Office hours will be posted.

Initial members who drafted this program along with the Rev. Howell are the Rev. Theodore Pinnick (Mt. Ebal Baptist Church), the Rev. Larry Griswold (Assembly of God Church), the Rev. Stanley Orlikiewicz (Rector, St. Raymond's Cathedral), Rabbi Morris Hershman (Joliet Jewish Congregation), the Rev. Richard Bennett (Sacred Heart Catholic Church) and the Rev. Isaac Singleton (Pastor, Mt. Zion Baptist Church).

These individuals, with their experience and training in counseling, along with their ties to the community and specifically their congregations, will add to the resources currently available on campus. The group felt that they needed a place to hang their hats, Dr. Gamble said, and the school has provided them space to do so. In return, the college hopes to utilize church space, "as a service to the immediate community, if there is sufficient demand, to offer community college classes to help people get ahead, "stated Dr. Gamble. "One of the places that has a fair amount of space during the day and week is our churches."

Todd White, student from New Lenox, registers to vote with Irene Belman through a voter education registration project conducted on campus October 2. Election day is November 5

From the desk of the Editor

By Stephen Hicks

So what does it take to get some feedback around here? Was I that convincing in my editorial and everyone agrees with me? Are my riddles just too hard? Am I asking too many questions?

The Blazer office is not hard to find, people. It is in the G-Building, Room 1009. There is a mail slot in the door. Just drop it in on us, so to speak.

I want to be your sounding board. My arms are outstretched to you, my beloved community. I want you to rest your weary head on my swelling bosom and feel my hand run through your coarse hair. Tell me your problems, sweetheart; I will console your aching heart.

That is about the extent that I go to get responses. If that isn't something from a Hallmark card, I don't know what is. Just send it in. We do not know what is important to our community if we do not get any feedback. Please feel free to stop me in the hallway and tell me what you think, but I prefer a note or letter. It allows me to get to class on time.

Enough of that. This edition we will have a contest, and the winner will receive free ticket vouchers to the Leann Rimes and Merle Haggert concert at the Rosemont Horizon on October 27. Just identify the campus mystery scene in this edition correctly, and one winner will be randomly chosen. Please have all responses in to the Blazer office by noon on Friday, October 25.

Last but not least, my forte. Fire was the correct object in the riddle last issue. Figure this one out and it gives you a clue for the contest. I am keys without locks, and yet can unlock your soul. An indirect hint to a direct question. The riddle will give you the key.

How political is abortion?

By Mark Davenport

Abortion represents perhaps the most ironic issue our leaders find themselves confronting. The two political parties present arguments on abortion that seem to counter their most sacred principles. Democrats, who often advocate legislation as a solution to our most perplexing problems like poverty and racism, argue that abortion is an individuals's private choice, with which the government has no right to interfere. Republicans, who champion freedom from government regulation, say that abortion is immoral. Their party platform calls for a constitutional amendment to ban the procedure.

In a field that thrives on compromise, there seems to be little if any middle ground for our leaders to exploit. Abortion defies political solutions, for it is not a political issue. It is a moral issue, one which strikes at the heart of what every American believes is right and wrong.

Supporters of abortion rights call to the highest power in our secular land to defend their position- the Constitution. Such a statement is a complete farce, a mockery of the high principles by which we are governed. To say that we fought a revolution and two world wars so that a woman may terminate an unwanted pregnancy is a mockery of the sacrifice so many have made for this country. When it legalized abortion, the Supreme Court alluded to a so-called privacy doctrine which, though is not written in the Constitution, is "implied" by it.

If anything, the way in which abortion was legalized shows how un-American our system of government can often be. Abortion was made the law of the land not by the elected Congress, but by the Supreme Court, whose members are appointed to life terms and are thus never accountable to the public. Is this what our founding fathers had in mind? What is the point of choosing our representatives if the most important issues of our day are decided by people we don't even elect?

Another issue brought into our abortion debate is pointless scientific speculation over when life truly begins. Pro-choice advocates correctly argue that no one really knows when life begins. The view that life begins at the moment of conception is religious doctrine that has no place in a public policy debate. To this I say: who cares when life begins? Whether it begins at conception or the third tri-mester is irrelevant to the question of whether our society should condone abortion. If that fetus is left alone, in nine months a human life will enter the world.

Perhaps our greatest principle which we share as people is that life is sacred. We have scores of laws to protect our lives from harm by others. The inconvenience a woman might feel at

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Another choice

By Sara Vanderhei

This coming November, we, as eligible voters are to make a choice. This choice reflects on our beliefs and who we would like to see leading our country. But if you are like me, you feel your choice is limited. When I say limited, I mean to the two political parties we have heard say the same thing year after year. We have seen their faces on CNN, campaigning for their lives, and ultimately decided to change the channel.

Recently, I came to the decision not to settle for the two-party system that seems to present us with our present day welfare-warfare state. A third party has made the news lately, especially here in Will County—the Libertarian Party.

As a first-time voter, I wanted to find out as much as I could about this alternative to my current choices. To my surprise, the Libertarian Party platform is easy to understand and seemingly hides nothing in all the political garble the other parties do. When considering the Libertarian Party, you need to ask yourself these important questions:

Do you agree people have the right to live their lives as they see fit? Each of us, as individuals, has the right to do anything that is peaceful and does not intrude on the rights of others. Libertarians not only believe in gay rights and minority rights but absolute equality for every individual regardless of religion, sexual preference, or race.

Do you believe the government that is best is one which governs least? Government is merely a tool to secure your rights. Government has no authority unless the governed consent to its use of that specific authority. If the people do not agree with the form of government, they may take the necessary steps to change or even replace it with an entirely different system.

Should government funding of any political party or candidate be eliminated? This election, both Clinton and Dole will spend $61.8 million dollars of your tax money. Even Ross Perot, the man who accused Democrats and Republicans of "spending your money, taxpayer money" in the 1992 election, has accepted $29.2 million dollars for his presidential campaign. Can we trust a hypocrite in office? Harry Browne, the Libertarian candidate for president, although eligible for up to $470,000 dollars, has refused that money, unlike the other candidates. "If I won't take the 30 pieces of silver now in order to get elected, you know I won't sell out once I'm safely in office," said Browne on his decision.

Do you believe that the U.S. affairs, such as the national debt and the welfare problem, should be our primary concern instead of the foreign affairs that often make their way into our Congress sessions? Thomas Jefferson once said "Peace, commerce and honest friendship with all peoples, entangling alliances with none." That statement sums up the Libertarian belief in neutrality and free trade. What is wrong in other countries is not our problem, especially when we spend the money we do not have or send our men and women to die in a battle that should not involve them in the first place. The selfish reasons concerning prestige and power should not make us forget about our own crises.

Do you believe that the Constitution's guarantee that you have "the right to bear arms" should not be infringed upon? People hurt people. Guns are inanimate objects that cannot move on their own. Blaming guns is not going to solve what is really wrong: society in general.

Campus parking

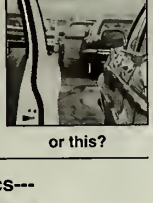
A little bit of courtesy helps

By Jeff Odegaard

Parking is a problem at JJC. By now, every student has heard or said, "I had to park all the way at the end of the 'T' lot." OK, it's a long walk, but at least you can park at school.

This way

The fact that the cars are filling the parking lots isn't the biggest problem. In the last two weeks I have seen at least four people bang or bump another person's car and not show any sign of caring. They fly around the roads to the parking lots trying to get to class on time or even beat someone to a spot one car closer for just that, a one-car width shorter walk. They stop their car, throw open the door and hit the car next to them. They know they hit it, but the most they do is rub the loose paint off of their door and run to class. Come on now, let's stop being ignorant. Slow down a little, and if that doesn't work, just remember someone probably will see you hit another car. Show some respect for other people's cars as well as your own door.



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Year 1900 is coming

By M.K. Mison

With the ending of the millennium rapidly approaching, there is a high degree of technological conflict in regards to computers differentiating years in the twentieth century from those in the twenty-first century. Standardized computers allow easy, compatible interaction between different systems, but whether computers will be able to comply with systems that do not know the correct date is vastly untouched.

"When the millennium turns, some of those computers will think that the year is 1900. Twenty years ago computer standards evolved to save space by reducing years to two digits," according to an article by Virginia Baldwin Hick in the *St. Louis Post Dispatch*.

To replace all programs just to correct the dates would be too costly; so, whoever invents an upgrade for all systems would become quite wealthy. Hurry programmers, time is running out on your big chance !

Abortion politics---

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losing nine months of her life for a child she doesn't want is greatly overweighed by our society's interest in protecting that life. At a time when our politicians talk endlessly of personal responsibility, abortion represents the most irresponsible choice a person can make. Being pregnant is a consequence of having sex- something people conveniently forget. If people can't handle the consequences of having sex, maybe they shouldn't engage in it.

One of the first things President Clinton did as President was to secure passage of Family Leave Act, which requires employers to give women time off from their jobs to have a baby. This eliminates any reason why a woman can't carry a baby to term.

Pro-choice advocates will argue this issue until they are blue in the face, and when confronted with the fallacies of their arguments, will usually resort to unabashed sexism. "You're a man," I've been told. "It's my body; you could never understand." The next time someone talks about inequality in the workplace or gender discrimination, maybe I'll just say that I'm a man and thus could never understand.

But if I did, I'd better put on my running shoes.

Wild animal feeder was mystery photograph

Last issue's mystery picture was the wild life feeder located along the bank outside the Fitness Center. Brenda Zeborowski of the physical education faculty is the lady who feeds the birds and animals.

Zeborowski built the three-legged feeder, which has a ladder up each side so that animals can reach the ears of corn available on spikes. Squirrels, racoons, possums, bluejays and cardinals are among the species that regularly visit the feeder.

Agriculture students grow the corn, which Zeborowski picks. The Ag department also donates cracked corn, and Zeborowski buys additional bird seed.

The area along the lake bank also contains a bat house, a martin house, and a sunflower seed container that Bill Zales of Biological Sciences constructed a number of years ago.

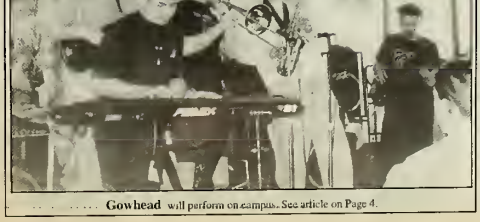
Not only the birds and animals benefit from Zeborowski's volunteer project; all who participate in the Fitness Center can enjoy glimpses of the beautiful birds and interesting animals.

Child meal funds are available

The JJC Child Care Center is making available free or reduced price meals for children through the federal Child and Adult Care Food Program.

The center has adopted the following income eligibility guidelines:

Family size, one, yearly income for free meals, $10,062, yearly income for reduced price meals, $14,319; Family size, two, $13,468, $19,166; Family size, three, $17,874, $24,013; Family size, four, $20,280, $28,860; Family size, five, $23,686, $33,707; Family size, six, $27,092, $38,554; Family size seven, $30,498, $43,401; Family size, eight, $33,904, $48,248; Each additional family member, $3,406, $4,847.



Gowhead will perform on campus. See article on Page 4.

Now Showing

That Thing You Do!
By Barbara Lavin

Tom Hanks both directs and stars in this funny and imaginative film, as well as having written the screenplay. His attempt at these three disciplines proves that he does have talents outside the acting community.

The film centers around an unknown, struggling rock and roll band, "The Oneders," from Erie, Pennyslyvania, who are "discovered" by Mr. White (played by Hanks) of Playtone Records in 1964. The film takes us through the transformation of the band after Mr. White changes the name to "The Wonders" and improves their small-town looks and image to produce a chart-climbing, women-screaming, rock-and-roll phenomenon. The cast is virtually obscure, except for Tom Everett Scott, who has done an occasional commercial. He is cast as the drummer and backbone of the group.

The film may not be Academy Awards material, but it is fun and entertaining. If you lived through the Sixties or even remember Mom and Dad talking about the Sixties, you'll enjoy this film. It brings us back to a time of innocence that really has never been duplicated. So, grab those go-go boots and put on those chinos and head to the nearest theater.

CD Review
By Dennis Neuzil

Bad Religion is "punk" style music at its finest. These guys have been around for a while, and they know the tricks of the trade. With their latest release, The Gray Race, Bad Religion is finally gaining the recognition the group has deserved for quite some time.

The Gray Race is much like previous albums by Bad Religion, full of explosive licks, slides and meaningful lyrics. The title song gets the album off to an aggressive start with a speedy riff and drum beat. The music is accompanied by Greg Graffin's raspy and broad vocals, singing the phrase "the framework of the world is black and white." Songs such as "Punk Rock Song" come off a little too preachy, as if the listeners of punk style music prevail over average people.

Graffin, unlike the majority of punk band writers, writes about real issues: issues of importance and to which everyone can relate. Yet on the track "Punk Rock Song," Graffin's lyrics are unusually weak and it seems as if he is trying much too hard to get his point across.

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Exhibit glows with color
By Cynthia Chubb

Old tech and new tech mingle vibrantly in Steve Sherrell's current art exhibit in the Laura A. Sprague Gallery. A reception was held for Sherrell on October 11 and his exhibit will run until November 1. It features a living and breathing collection of his oil paintings, drawings and computer prints.

Sherrell, who teaches graphic design and life drawing at JJC, is a graduate of the Art Institute of Chicago with an impressive exhibition record.

Under Sherrell's computer print entitled 'The Plow and the Mouse,' he explains how "We plod around with our brushes pushing paint like a horse drawn plow, trusting our old ways." Yet at the same time he sees "the future now as art expands, and enlightens, and enlivens those TV savvy, plugged-in new ones, same old art showing up in new places and new things..." He asks, "Is there an Old World? Is there a New World? Or does the plow still plow and the mouse squeak a new tune so the kids can laugh and play delighting in the wonder of it all..."

Pat Sistek of South Wilmington and Erica Gallagher of Plainfield look over the description of Steve Sherrell's current art exhibit.

Don't miss Gowhead
By Mike Mison

Once again Gowhead will be performing a free-of-charge concert at JJC, which will be a show not to miss. November 26 is the date. The band consists of nine members, including a vocalist, two horn players, two guitarists, a keyboardist, a bassist, and two drummers, one being a percussionist. The group plays original compositions, as well as songs from various artists such as Bob Marley, Santana, and Phish.

Gowhead has been regularly performing shows around the likes of Eastern Illinois University as well as bars in the Chicagoland area for the past two years and never fails to put out an energetic set. The music is very professional and the dedication the members put forth is, indeed, portrayed in the synchronization and clarity of the melodies. The show at the campus will not disappoint.

Classical 100 is a success

For the 23rd year, the Joliet Junior College Classical 100 dinner tempted the toughest of taste buds.

This year's dinner, held October 13 on the Main Campus, began with a champagne reception and hors d'oeuvres. The food is prepared, and the menu planned, by the college's Culinary Arts students. Proceeds go toward scholarships for the Culinary Arts students.

The menu included dumpling squash soup with pancetta; supreme of red snapper duglere; apple sorbet with calvados; grilled breast of duck with pineapple balsamic reduction; English-style green beans and wild mushrooms couscous; spinach salad with starfruit and pine nut dressing; honey truffle symphony with wild honey cream served with raspberry and chocolate sauce; and miniature pastries and cookies.

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JJC's schoolhouse brings history to life

By Jordan Hannon

Twenty to thirty eight-year-olds sitting, staring out a wall of windows, waiting for either lunch or recess. A teacher stands in front of this group thinking that what she or he is saying is going through one ear and out the other. However, somewhere along the way, teachers forget that lunch time is the most important thing on an eight-year-old's mind. Finally a bell rings, and "they're off!".

This is the typical school day that I remember. But have you wondered, or been told by gran or gramps, about "the good old days," the days when their brother, who was five years older than they, was in the same classroom? Instead of choosing chocolate or white milk, they had to decide between water or...water. Now, the walking-in-ten-feet-of-snow-barefoot story is debatable.

However, the rest is all true. We have living proof of what it is like to pump your drink for lunch and to learn the same lesson that your older brother was learning. The little Old Schoolhouse is right in our backyard! It was the mystery picture in the October 2 issue of the Blazer.

Originally built in 1863, this schoolhouse was used up until 1950. This was when the first Troy school was built. It was brought here to JJC in 1987 from Shorewood, Illinois, and restored through the efforts of agriculture instructors Dave Cattron and Jim Shinn. Except for the entrance to this one-room school, all of the rest has been carefully refurnished and redecorated. Some of the students who attended the school fortunately are still around and have given some insight as to what it looked like. There were only two windows on either side of the school and one in the front of the classroom. In front of the class was a "schoolhouse" furnace to heat the kids. Until electricity was invented, this was, on some days, one dark room. There was a piano in the back, a chalkboard in the front, and a star-spangled banner hanging proudly next to the chalkboard.

The official name of this schoolhouse is the Cronin School because it was originally built on the Cronin family farm.

There is a similar schoolhouse on the campus of Illinois State University, but unlike ours, no one is allowed inside the schoolhouse. The Cronin School is a frequent scene of tours. It is estimated that some 3,000 children have been brought through the schoolhouse to see what it was like to have a whole school in one single classroom.

Since this school was built in 1863, one would wonder how it is still standing, much less presentable for tours. There have been some significant changes made inside this classroom. Originally, there were only two windows on each side of the room, one in the front and one in the back. Now there are four windows on each side, to make the room a little more cheery. Ironically, the windows were added the year electricity was installed. The roof that was added is cedar-shingled and should last at least 35 years. A basement was added that holds a furnace and a central cooling system. This is to insure that the books inside do not mold. Everything else inside the schoolhouse was either donated or bought by some of the agricultural department members.

This schoolhouse is a great piece of living history. It is located right in back of A-building. So next time you want to take a peaceful stroll, or pump your own drink, take a walk to Cronin School.

Cronin School is toured by numerous visitors to JJC's campus every year..

May JJC have this dance?

Want to learn a new skill, get some exercise, get ready for the holidays or just have some fun? JJC's non-credit Ballroom Dancing (UNCL 2432-30) class might just be the answer. The class will cover basic steps and variations for the waltz, fox trot, rumba, cha-cha and tango.

The course meets from 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 29-Dec. 10 and the course fee is $32.

To register, call 744-2200 from Joliet, 942-4580 from Morris, 838-2174 from Bolingbrook and Lemont or 1-800-369-2200 from other communities in the college district.

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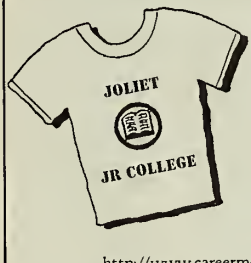

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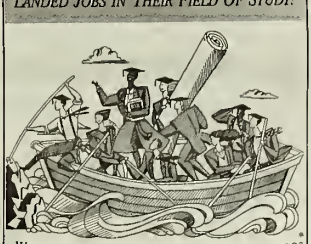

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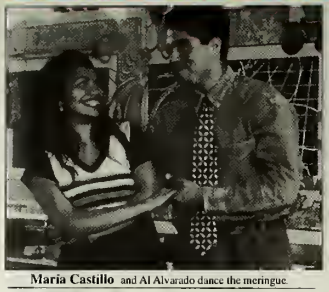

Maria Castillo and Al Alvarado dance the meringue.

Folk Art is topic

By Justin Marchert

"Folk Art as a Reflection of Society" will be the next seminar in a series sponsored by the JJC honors program.

The November 12 seminar, part of the Honors Colloquium series, is co-sponsored nationally by the National Collegiate Honors Council and Phi Theta Kappa, community college honor society.

Like all of the seminars, "Folk Art as a Reflection of Society" is aimed toward enrichment rather than college credit. To offer it as a course, which may be a possibility in the future, would require books, papers, and approval for transfer, says Pete Neff, Honors program co-ordinator.

All seminars, which are open to the public, will be held in J-3011 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

The November 12 seminar will include a 10-minute session for students to call in with questions. Neff explained a drawback is that over 61 colleges receive the seminar and are trying to have questions answered during that 10 minutes.

The National Collegiate Honors Council-Phi Theta Kappa is considering increasing the interaction time to 90 minutes. Another way they've overcome much of this problem is by inconporating the internet into the program.

Through e-mail, students can converse about the seminar for weeks after it has ended. "What we need as students is more access to the internet," said Neff.

October is Hispanidad

By Kyle Sing

This month on campus the celebration of Hispanidad, Hispanic Heritage month, is being observed. Hispanidad is a time when people of diverse Hispanic heritage celebrate Hispanic culture and what it has contributed to American culture.

Recently on campus, JJC's Hispanic culture club, Latinos Unidos, along with the Office of Student Affairs had an Hispanidad festival on the campus bridge.

"The festival for Hispanidad on campus is to create awareness of Hispanic culture and to educate people on what the Hispanic culture is all about," said Chris Trujillo, faculty advisor to Latinos Unidos.

There were fruits on the serving table from Hispanic food markets in Chicago. Trujillo explained that the fruits and foods were from Mexican, Central American and Caribbean cultures.

"In addition to the food displays, there were vendors selling Hispanic jewelry, craftwork, and goods such as blankets and sweaters," added Jo Stworzyjanek, Student Affairs secretary. "There was a dance teacher giving lessons on Latin dances like the salsa, the meringue, the tango, and the samba. There was also a Mariachi band in the Cafeteria named the Mariachi Seven, who played different types of Latin songs.

Bard's Guild members want to know.

Bard's Guild members are open to all ideas

By Erica Coffey

Bard's Guild is a club designed for students who have their own ideas about what they would like to learn. Everyone learns about what they have to in school but there are many other things to talk about and study. This is the philosophy of Bard's Guild, which meets every Thursday and Friday at 12 noon on the bridge.

Members figure out if there is a God out there, talk about where we will go when we die or discuss the meaning of a favorite song. Douglas Hawksworth, the leader of Bard's Guild, says talking about whatever you want to talk about pretty much sums up what the group is about. In Bard's Guild everyone shares the knowledge that they have obtained from their experiences in life, and people get to see many different perspectives on all of the subjects that are discussed, Hawksworth explains. No one else thinks exactly like you do, and in Bard's Guild you can see the world through other people's eyes.

The theme of this groups is to be "jacks of all trades, masters of none." You don't necessarily learn the answers in Bard's Guild; you learn that there are even more questions. Everyone should be open-minded to new knowledge and new perspectives, and everyone should be able to think for themselves. Do you want to learn more about music? Let's go on a field trip to a concert. Hawksworth said, "You should come by and see for yourself what it's all about, and don't trust this interview because words tend to get twisted when passed through secondary sources."

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Parapsychology Club studies the unusual

By Angie Sweedler

Pat Waltz was the speaker at the October 18 meeting of the Parapsychology Club. His topic was "Enneagrams," personality typology. Enneagrams theory categorizes nine personality types and three centers—gut, heart and head. Waltz teaches enneagrams in private industry as well as lecturing and doing workshops at retreat houses.

Lou Fry is program director for the Parapsychology Club. Parapsychology is the study of the abnormal, mainly pertaining to the mind. At meetings members have discussed some 80 different topics. Some of the topics are acraphronology, the study of your name in the belief that it says something about you; palmistry, study of palms; Reiki healing, tapping into energy from the universe in a process of healing the body; Feng Shui, an art of arranging the furniture in your home to show how successful you are in life; Ogham, use of stones with symbols for fortune telling, which is similar to reading cards; Radionics, tapping into energy in the body for healing; UFOs, learning about crop circles, and other matters pertaining to UFOs; and the Way of the Wolf, when a guest speaker discussed living with wolves and how they communicate.

The club meets the third Friday of every month at 7 p.m. in D2001. Come with an open mind, says Fry.

Apples for sale

Phi Theta Kappa is holding its annual taffy apple sale in D-mall on Wednesday, October 30, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 5 to 7 p.m. and on Thursday, October 31, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Brown Bag---

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BBLS. Bring your own lunch, sit back and enjoy one of the many topics offered throughout the year.

Suggestions for topics for future BBLS may be made to Sandy Lauer or Fred Harris in Media Services at Ext. 2218

POLICE BLOTTER

Campus Police Blotter 9/15 - 10/6

• **Theft**: A woman's purse was reported stolen from a classroom and the offender was apprehended. Criminal and internal charges are pending.

• **Driving With Revoked License, and False Vehicle Registration**: An investigation of an expired temporary vehicle registration revealed the driver was operating the vehicle with a revoked license and the temporary registration was false.

• **Car Fire**: A vehicle parked in Lot #1 burst into flames and was totally destroyed. One other vehicle was damaged by the fire. The cause of the fire was undetermined.

• **Disorderly Conduct**: A group of students on the Nature Trail observed a male in the woods without clothes. The male fled the area after seeing the group of students. No further incidents were reported.

• **Violation of Order of Protection**: A student reported being harassed on campus by a former boyfriend. Criminal charges are pending.

• **Criminal Damage to Property**: A college vehicle was intentionally damaged by an irate student. The vehicle's headlight was destroyed after being struck with a fist. Internal disciplinary action and criminal charges are pending.

• **Found Contraband**: A single round of ammunition was turned into the department after being found on campus.

• **Medical Assist**: A college employee was transported to St. Joseph's Hospital after receiving a puncture wound from a needle.

• **Suspicious Person**: The officers escorted a person from the campus after he became disorderly in the Admissions area.

• **Obstructing Justice:** A homeless person panhandling near the City Center Campus fled the area after being questioned by the officers. No further incidents were reported.

• **Assist to Another Agency:** A person who failed to appear for a variety of drug charges was detained for the arresting agency.

• **Suspended Registration:** A parking enforcement activity revealed that the license plates on the vehicle were suspended by the Secretary of State. The plates were returned to the State.

• **Illegal Hunting:** The officers investigated a complaint of a person hunting on college property. The individual was found and criminal charges are pending.

More growth planned

Peterson hopes to expand fitness space and program

By Erica Gallagher

One, two, three, four, just ninety-six more. Working out is a never-ending process that takes a lot of will power to maintain. At JJC's Total Fitness Center, students can learn and practice what it takes to stay fit for life.

John Peterson, Total Fitness Center director for ten years, has brought an eager interest in continually improving the Fitness program to his job. Current plans include setting up programs for the elderly and physically challenged and, when money permits, expanding the Fitness Center to the Bridge.

Peterson, a Joliet native, earned his bachelor's degree at Northern Illinois University and his master of science at Adams State College in Almosa, Colorado. The reason Peterson chose Adams State as the school to transfer to was its high altitude. "I wanted to train at the highest altitude; that's where they trained for the 1968 Olympics."

Peterson then earned his Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction and research methodology at the University of New Mexico. While Peterson majored in biology and chemistry in college, he became interested in fitness. Peterson said, "My initial interest was optimal fitness and competition, but now it's exercise for persons over 65."

Peterson has worked at JJC for twenty years, originally as the Director of Planning in Human Resources. The Center has been a part of the school for 11 years, and Peterson would like to expand it. The Total Fitness Center, according to Peterson, will have profited $1.8 million in 14 years. It will continue to profit by expanding and getting more participants to join.

Peterson has mentioned the idea of expanding the Total Fitness Center to the JJC Board and the Reallocated Space Committee, but money is required for other needs at the moment. The estimated cost to expand the Fitness Center all the way to the bridge is $300,000. Peterson has already raised $100,000 through workshops. He added that, "The Center will make a profit after only two years."

Peterson is setting up a program for the elderly and physically challenged. *His* goal is to "market this new training program by way of cable television and presentations made by the project coordination to various church groups and older adult clubs and organizations."

Enrollment in the Fitness Center is up 12% with ages ranging from 17-92; both men and women are participating equally. It seems that elderly people are becoming more active at the Center, and they enjoy interacting with young adults. As Peterson explains it, "They share a mutual respect for one another." Peterson has already begun a brochure to motivate people over 65 to come out to the Fitness Center.

With direction from Peterson, the Fitness Center has provided a healthy, fun-filled environment. It's a place where people of all ages can come and get fit for life. If Peterson's dreams come true, perhaps JJC will be sporting a totally fit addition in the near future.

Prizes awarded

Five prizes were awarded at the JJC Alumni/Foundation Fall Riverboat Festival on October 6. First prize, a 32-inch color television set, went to Leonard Shpits of Skokkie; second prize, a JJC tuition waiver, to Lynn Erickson of Joliet; third prize, a JJC tuition waiver, to Theresa Ventura of Joliet; fourth prize, a $100 dinner gift certificate at Riva's on Navy Pier, to Nola Rousonelos of Joliet; fifth $50 dinner at Flicks to Teri Cullen of Naperville

Horoscopes -- By Erica Coffey

Aries (March 21-April 19) Talking to a friend about your problems will ease your mind. Do something special for a family member. Try to control your temper when a co-worker makes you angry.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Open your eyes to the beauty around you. Spend some peaceful time with nature. No one can take away the sunset. Have patience with a family member who may not understand you.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Get to work early so that you will have some time to relax. Do something out of the ordinary with your love tonight. School will bring an unpleasant surprise tomorrow; be prepared.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Do something to improve your finances today. Move on. There are better things in store for you. Relax and be yourself when you meet someone new. Love is in the air.

Leo (July 23-Aug 22) Compromise with a family member to end an argument. Sweet little gestures will be greatly appreciated by your love. Get organized and school will go much better for you.

Virgo (Aug 23-Sept 22) A friend needs you especially today. Give them the attention they deserve. Don't let outward appearances get in the way. Remember, it's what is inside that counts. Talk to your boss about that raise you deserve.

Libra (Sept 23-Oct 23) Don't be too greedy. Do everything in moderation. Focus on your paycheck and not the work you have to do. One you feel strongly about will soon show you that the feeling is mutual.

Scorpio (Oct 24-Nov 21) You need a break from everyday life. Do something special and exiting with your friends. Give a family member the respect they deserve. A Pisces will be a prominent figure in your love life.

Sagittarius (Nov 22-Dec 21) Don't settle for less than the best. Be patient. You'll know when you find the one for you. School isn't much fun but the future rewards will make it all worthwhile.

Capricorn (Dec 22-Jan 19) Your work situation is about to improve, hang in there. A friend that you have been neglecting lately would be very happy to hear from you. Don't look too hard, love will come at the right time.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb 18) Instead of complaining about the situation that you are in, try doing something to remedy it. Others will let you down so rely on yourself. You might realize that you are stronger than you thought.

Pisces (Feb 19-March 20) Although your parents make you angry, try looking at things from their perspective. Plan a weekend trip in the near future. Don't be afraid to speak your mind about an issue at work.

JJC cheerleaders are always on stage

JJC's Cheerleading Squad

By Carla Swinke

The JJC cheerleading members are not only cheerleaders; they are also performers.The football field and basketball court are their stage.

Pam Ethridge is in her eighth season of coaching this talented squad. They practice four to six hours a week. They will be participating in a NCA camp at UIC in January in downtown Chicago.

Even though the members rotate making routines, Ethridge always has the final say. "They are a very talented group with a lot of skill," said Ethridge.

The squad has recently added dance to the routines for their half-time performances. Their overall goal is to add a few different stunts and learn new dances to incorporate in their routines.

The squad members have noticed a considerable increase in the attendance at the games. "We are trying to get the crowd more involved," said Jamey Partilla, pom captain.

Not only does the squad want the crowd to be more involved but the community too. Recently, they sponsored a carwash at Eagle Foods, charging $3.00 a vehicle. They raised money for uniforms, warm-ups, and travel, some of which are not allotted in their budget. They also run the concession stand at the men's basketball games. Both the parents of the squad members and the squad members themselves help out.

The team is very unified. They work together to perfect themselves. One of their major goals this season is to be the best.

"I want them to look like they are having fun!" said Ethridge.

Vita Jackson, squad member, stated, "We have a really good squad this year and we are going to put a lot more effort into our work to be the best."

Wacky World of Sports

By Mark Gregory

BY(E) GEORGE: Former University of Illinois and Indianapolis Colts Quarterback Jeff George has added another former to his list. The Atlanta Falcons, whom George came to after problems in Indy, have said their goodbyes. As of press time the Falcons had unsuccessfully shopped George around and the trading deadline has expired. If it has not happened yet, the Falcons are expected to release the QB

The problems started when George was pulled from a game by head coach June Jones after throwing his second interception of the game. He had completed ten straight passes prior to his second pick. His replacement, Bobby Herbert, went on to throw three interceptions in the remainder of the game. George went into a tirade on the sideline that lead to a one-game suspension. This suspension had been extended to three games, but it is now understood that Jeff George's days in Georgia are over.

ALL HAIL THE CHIEF: The Chicago Bull's went out and found a new center to back up Luc Longley. Robert Parish (The Chief), who played on the historic Boston Celtic teams and was a member of the Charlotte Hornets, is now a Bull. Parish signed a two-year deal that should take him to the end of his career. Parish, who has been around forever, will add much-welcomed experience to the Bull's bench. Throughout his long career, Robert Parish has always worn the number "00," so what will he do on the Bulls? Well, Randy Brown, who currently has the number, has agreed to change his number to "2" for the veteran.

GET A KICK OUT OF THIS: JJC student Chad Lovell recently told me this joke: Q: Where is the safest place to hide from a tornado?

A. Soldier Field. There hasn't been a touchdown there in years.

Kendall Swoik--Sideline Savior

By Mark Gregory

Announcer #1: "There's the hand-off to the running back, he breaks one tackle and is finally brought down close to the first-down marker."

Announcer #2: "It doesn't look like the running back is getting up; he could be hurt. Let's take a commercial break and we will be back in a minute."

Many of us have witnessed that scenario while watching a football game on TV. Some may have been at the game and witnessed what happens during the commercials. From a personal standpoint, I was at the Bears vs. Cowboys game on Monday Night Football when Emmitt Smith lay motionless on the field for several minutes before being taken off on a cart and rushed to the hospital.

The group of people that rushed to his side after the injury are the athletic trainers. In extreme cases, such as Smith's, doctors may also be called on the field. The trainer, however, is the first person at the injured athlete's side. One might consider this to be a glorious job, standing side by side with some of the best athletes in the world, and also, if a game is without injury, getting paid for doing almost nothing. That is far from reality.

JJC athletic trainer Kendall Swoik is one of these sideline saviors. She does not have the opportunity of working with multi-million dollar athletes, and her job is far from easy. Kendall got her bachelor's degree at North Central College in Naperville and her masters in sports medicine at Illinois State University. She then got a job at St. Joe's Physical Rehab and Sports Medicine, which is contracted by JJC to supply trainers to the college athletic events. That is how Kendall became a part of the Wolves athletic team.

Kendall Swoik

Although she says she "enjoys splitting the time" between her two jobs, Kendall sees herself in a few years as head trainer at a Division II or III college. "I love working with the athletes because they are more motivated to get healthy," she says.

"The coaches do a good job of conditioning the athletes in the off season," Kendall said. If there is a specific, recurring problem, she works with the coaches to add exercises to the conditioning to help fix the problem. Because Kendall is the trainer for volleyball, men's and women's basketball, men's tennis, baseball and softball in addition to her work on the football field, she encounters all JJC athletes.

It is very rare to see a woman on the sideline of a professional or even a Division I men's sport, but this has not been a problem for Kendall. "It is hard at the beginning of the season, but becomes a non-issue after a couple of weeks," she said.

An athletic trainer is a job-certified and licensed position that requires a bachelor's degree. Next time any of you are at a sporting event and a player who was injured returns to the playing field, applaud not only for the comeback but for the people responsible for the comeback.

Playoffs

Football playoffs begin November 2 with time and place to be announced. Volleyball playoffs begin October 26 with time and place to be announced. Check Athletic bulletin board in G building for details.

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R.J.Smith Ojibwa/Assinaboine from Chicago will be the head male dancer at JJC's First Woodland Reunion Pow wow. Smith is a traditional-style Native American dancer, shown here performing at a Northern Wisconsin pow wow last summer.

JJC pow wow will be a 'good time' to learn

By Cynthia Chubb

The drum throbs in the distance, pulling tribes, families, friends and the merely curious closer into its circle. The drum signifies the heartbeat of Native peoples and their ways of life and is the most important part of a pow wow.

Once inside, one dancer catches and holds your eyes. It's not because of his eagle feather bustle crowning his back, but the animal-like stealth of each dignified movement while remaining hunched over with the weight of the warrior tradition.

Welcome to JJC's first annual "Woodland Reunion Pow wow!" It opens at noon this Saturday, November 16, and lasts until 9 p.m. Fred Harris, Media Services head and Native American Club advisor, takes a guiding role in JJC's pow wow and can be contacted for more information at (815) 729-9020, ext. 2566.

"My interest in Native Americans started when I was very young," Harris said, "and as I grew, so did my fascination with Native American art, history and culture."

According to Harris, the Native American Club was started in 1993. There were so many questions about Native culture and so much misinformation in the media that the college provided a logical center to educate the public. As a sponsor of the JJC Pow wow, the club hopes to provide an opportunity for the public to have fun while learning about Native American culture and history.

"During the late 1700's and early 1800's," Harris said, "the Potawatomi was probably the most numerous tribe in our Will County area prior to being forced into westward relocation." Once confined to reservations, the forces of church and state combined to attempt 'resocialization' of the Native peoples and banned most Dance celebrations. In the latter part of the nineteenth century "Buffalo Bill" Cody showed up with his *Traveling Wild West Show* to give some Indians the opportunity to perform their dances after they had been outlawed. He promoted the excitement of Indian dance and culture into the imagination of his white patrons.

The *Wild West Show* was one of the big hits at the 1893 Chicago World's Fair and may have set the stage for the modern pow wow tradition, according to Harris's research. "Thus," he concludes, "the pow wow had its genetic blueprint in thousands of years of Native American dance and traditions, but has now become a popular event in both Native and Non-native American culture."

Pow wow is an Algonkwin word literally meaning 'good time', so naturally Native American food, dancing, singing and crafts play an important part in the event. Some traditional Native foodstuffs to watch for are Indian tacos, corn soup and fry bread.

JJC's pow wow will be slightly different from other pow wows in that it will last only one day and is a combination of the traditional and contest types of pow wows with prizes awarded for the best native dancer in each competition. There are three competitive dance categories each, for women (Traditional, Fancy Shawl and Jingle Dress), and for men (*Tradition* , Grass Dance and Fancy Dancing). The outfit and dance techniques have specific characteristics for each of the six categories, along with appropriate songs for each.

Today, some old Native songs are sung in 'vocables', having no words, so singers of different tribes with different languages may join in together. For some songs, like the flag song during the grand entry, it's appropriate to show respect by standing and removing your hat, so listen carefully to the master of ceremonies for instructions.

The grand entry signals the beginning of each dance session, which on Saturday will be at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Leading the grand entry are several Native American Combat Veterans, who are looked on with great respect as eagle feather warriors in their culture. They carry flags from different wars as

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Campus groups sponsor mystery

By Stephen Hicks

A double homicide was committed in the formal dining room and the audience participated in uncovering the killer.

The Office of Student Services, Epicurean Club, and the Nursing Student Association held a murder mystery dinner on Thursday, October 31. The Repertory Theater of America players and a small cast of students presented an audience of about thirty people with a case to solve over their dinner. JJC students Nancy Smith and Michael Robertson portrayed small roles and were eventually suspects in the dinner production.

The Epicurean Club prepared and served a killer menu. Suspense soup (French onion) and a Sherlock salad started off the meal. The Intrigue Entre was Chicken Oscar and to-die-for dessert was a healthy slice of pumpkin cake.

Proceeds from the dinner went to funding activities for the two campus clubs, which are members of the Collegiate Council.

Boris Agapitov and Alexendr Simkin, two Russian police officers, observed criminal justice courses and spoke to JJC students October 25 in B-Building.

From the desk of the Editor

By Stephen Hicks

Getting student feedback and participation in the school newspaper was the objective of my last editorial. As you will read, there was some written response, and this is good. Not only does this allow the *Blazer* staff to incorporate articles that are important to students, but also keeps the reporters in check. Making sure that our paper is a voice for our students is not an easy task.

I also understand that our students come here to learn and study, but all work and no play makes Steve a dull guy. As students at a two-year institution of higher learning, isn't our focus on general education, especially if some of us plan to move to a four-year institution to complete our bachelor's degree? My point is that the *Blazer* is a great opportunity for the journalism students, but it is also a direct reflection of our students as a body and a tool of learning for ALL students.

After my swooning editorial, I received an anonymous phone call from a student, I assume. In his message he said that I should not be upset at any lack of response to our paper. He goes on to say that students are "concentrating on what they came here for, not for the trifling little events." Mr. Anonymous finishes by saying that the *Blazer* is just good practice for the journalism students. Ouch!! Well, Mr. Anonymous, your point is well-taken, but you seem to be forgetting one small thing; you obviously read my editorial and you responded to it. That seemed to be my whole point. I appreciate your response and keep reading! But be careful not to let those "trifling events" in the *Blazer* interfere with your schoolwork. I know how hard it is keeping that grade-point average up. Touche, Mr. Anonymous.

Congratulations to Roxanne Munch, who was our winner of the concert ticket giveaway. She received complimentary ticket vouchers for the Merle Heggard concert courtesy of The Gehl Group and The Will County Professional Firefighters. A sincere thanks from the staff and keep up the good work, guys.

Until next time, keep the punches up and come out swinging. Information is power, and I am definitely power hungry. It is a dog-eat-dog world, people, and I'm wearing milkbone underwear.

Letters to the Editor

Response to "How Political is Abortion?"

I can tell you all of the technical aspects of conception and pregnancy from the anatomy and physiology book all day and well into the night. So I will abbreviate this for you.

1. When did life begin? *Life is defined as the process of* intake, output (as in food), metabolism, and reproduction. If this definition is true, then there was never a time when a person was not alive. The basic components of conception, the sperm and egg, are alive; it was the same with your parents' conception and all the way down the family tree. It is the same way with the conception of animals.

2. A moral issue? This is a true paradox of people. In no way do the vast majority of people think of this paradox. Did you eat a well-done hamburger today? Did you know that the poor cow did not donate a leg for your dining pleasure? No, the cow died a horrible death so you can eat its scorched flesh with mustard and bread. Eggs are even worse. Not only did the life in that brittle shell not have a chance to be born; you fried it up and tasted its steaming, coagulated remains. HOW BARBARIC. By the way both of those examples are...were alive! To the person that says that we are not animals, think of this: are tigers waging bloody wars on one another?

3. Unabashed sexism? *That was bold.* I am a pro-choice person, and I happen to be a man. It is the woman's body, and you will not truly understand pregnancy until you are pregnant. The bond that a woman feels to her fetus is truly incredible and very hard for men to understand. When the decision to terminate the pregnancy is made, it is possibly the hardest time of that woman's life, and the end of another. In a side note, a pregnancy is sometimes if not most of the time impossible to recover from. The damage done by a fetus to the woman's body is horrendous.

Next time you eat scrambled eggs, think of your moral issues, don't forget the salt on your hamburger, and remember there are some things men will never understand in a world run by men.

Daverron Hergis

Another pro-choice reply

I would like to respond to Mark Davenport's October 23 article, "How Political is Abortion?" He was right when he said abortion "is not a political issue." It is a personal one, and it is indeed a legal right upheld by the Constitution. Calling upon the Constitution to defend a pro-choice position is not a "farce" or a "mockery of the high principles by which we are governed," as Mr. Davenport contends, but an example of those principles-freedom. I was taught that we fought the revolution and the two world wars to which Mr. Davenport alludes for freedom, for the home front and abroad. The revolution was directly spurred by the desire for said freedom-freedom of religion, freedom of assembly, freedom of speech, and implicitly, freedom of choice. A law banning abortion is comparable to a law banning Christianity.

When our "founding fathers" wrote the constitution,

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Grandmother's hood has changed

By Deborah Webb

Let's go to McDonald's! Wow, what a treat that was in the younger days. Going to McDonald's not only meant good eats, but it was the edge of town where the cornfields grew. That McDonald's now sits in the middle of town, and the city now has no edge but flows into the adjacent towns in all directions. As I compare my hometown of Joliet from what it was when I was growing up to what it has become, I can see the aura has changed from small town to metropolitan, and land usage has changed from farmland to commercial. Although the changes are vast, I still experience heart-felt nostalgia when I think of the special people and places that have shaped my life.

The Farmer's Market sold fresh fruit and vegetables out where Earl's Cafe now holds forth. The homes in the first subdivisions, Preston Heights, Marycrest and Parkview, are cottages compared to the thirty-five-hundred-square-foot homes built in recent years in newer subdivisions. The twenty-five-thousand-dollar starter home is a thing of the past.

Essington Road, now a four-lane route to shopping and the mall, was in years past a gravel road that was a secret shortcut to Plainfield. Bottoming out the car on the two-board bridge over Rock Creek was not uncommon. The city's "Neighborhood Improvements" have turned gravel-shouldered roads into neatly curbed streets.

The east side of town boasted mansions and old architecture that were lovely to see. Joliet Central High School's "Castle" loomed on Eastern Avenue to let visitors know that the Steelers were the best. In the recent past many of the mansions and houses have deteriorated, but the city has made many improvements to beautify the area and keep the great architecture that is left from falling into disrepair.

Downtown, where the action was, were many theaters, stores and restaurants. Today all that remains are business offices, the library, a couple of small stores and the Rialto Theater. Once a safe place to visit, today caution is advised when going downtown.

West Park was a central recreation area. The park was a beautiful place where children played on the playground in summer and sledded down the hills in the winter. Although the park is still useful and beautiful, the acreage has been cut in half with the advent of I-80. Near the park was a very special place in Reed's Woods where a child could go to seek solace and work out life's problems. It was a horrible day when the woods gave way to luxury homes.

Mom and Dad still live in the old neighborhood and in the same house. It has always been a quiet neighborhood and has been well kept by its occupants. Cedar shakes have given way to vinyl siding, and the streets and driveways have become victims of the "Neighborhood Improvement." All of the familiar families have moved away, and new people have taken their place. Relatives that once filled the house at holidays are now busy with their own extended families, and friends that were sworn blood sisters are now only an occasional delight.

All towns have a spirit. Although the town of Joliet has grown up from a small town into a large commercial city, the spirit of the town remains one of a place where people are welcome, a "We're glad you came to visit, and come back and see us soon!" kind of attitude.

Home for Thanksgiving-- Over the river and through the woods to a world no longer there

Cars remain the same

By Jennifer Weglewski

To this day, driving through the old neighborhood remains an emotion-stirring event. When I was five years old, my family moved to Minneapolis leaving behind a house and neighborhood full of warmth. Each year we drove back to Fieldcrest to visit old friends and neighbors. It was exciting to return to the town that I felt was protected by the giant "smiley faced" water tower of Dak Forest. Even today, that massive yellow tower remains smiling over a neighborhood that has changed drastically since my childhood. It's disturbing to see what Fieldcrest has become in comparison to the safe, clean, wholesome neighborhood it was when I was a kid.

Three years before I was born, my parents built a new house on George Drive. Having recently been married, they were eager to give their new family all the benefits of a sound neighborhood. Back then, each street was lined with perfectly manicured lawns and tiny maple trees. Each freshly poured driveway proudly displayed modern family cars. And yes, behind each front door was a new family with both a mom and a dad.

My brother and I knew every kid on our block. Our days were filled with treasure hunts and games of kick the can across three lawns while chatty parents gathered on the driveway to relax. It seems as if back then there was never a question of safety. We always played outside under close watch of ten mothers peeking out through the curtains.

When I was living in Fieldcrest, each child had two parents. We had never even heard of divorce. We were living in our own world. My family was not unique to George Drive. Each family adhered to strict family traditions, and parents carefully tended to the needs of their children. These are the things that taught us to cherish family.

I wonder what caused this tight neighborhood to sour? Many of the yards so tenderly cared for in the early years are now littered with cigarette butts

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Letters to the Editor

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they did not have freedom of choice specifically in mind; this is true. But they also didn't have women, blacks, Hispanics, Asians, or any other minority group in mind. "We the people" refers specifically to well-to-do white males, but does that mean all others aren't entitled to the benefits intended for all American citizens?

I agree with Mr. Davenport when he says scientific arguments about when life begins are trivial; life is sacred in any case. But there are so many unwanted children already born who aren't taken care of - shouldn't we help them before we force anyone to bring more into the world? Mr. Davenport feels that society has a strong interest in protecting unborn children. It would be nice if our society did, but there are millions of abused, neglected, malnourished unloved, impoverished and otherwise disadvantaged children who can testify that the nurturing society Mr. Davenport has envisioned just doesn't exist. Will it start to exist because more unwanted children are born? At a time when a pregnancy, labor, and delivery without complications can cost upwards of $5,000, not every woman has health insurance or the financial resources needed to complete her pregnancy, let alone raise a child.

As for adoption, sure it's an option for white women who are going to give birth to healthy white babies. But, unfortunately, few adoptive parents are willing to take in a handicapped or minority child.

Mr. Davenport refers to nine months of pregnancy as a mere "inconvenience." Evidently, he didn't pay attention in biology class. Nor is he taking into account the physical risks or the depth of emotional involvement that occur with pregnancy.

It is true, pregnancy is a consequence of having sex. But it is a consequence men don't have to face. This is not "unabashed sexism," as Mr. Davenport purports, but simple biology. Men can't get pregnant. Period.

As Mr. Davenport points out, the Family Leave Act is a brilliant idea. Kudos to President Clinton. Unfortunately, federally mandated maternity leave will not in itself "eliminate any reason why a woman can't carry a baby to term," contrary to Mr. Davenport's beliefs. It is unlikely that he will ever "understand" the pro-choice position when he can't distinguish pregnancy from such issues as inequality in the workplace or gender discrimination.

If you believe abortion is wrong, simply don't have one. You are entitled to your opinion just as I am entitled to mine. But don't try to force your opinion on others. I have a right to choose what happens to my own body. So do you. That is the right to privacy that the Consitution "implies."

Jennifer Carrol

Intercultural workshops

The International/Intercultural Education Committee to promote and enhance cultural diversity on the JJC campus will be holding two more workshops on the following dates:

Wednesday, November 20, 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Room K-2001. What's New in the International Business Curriculum, Dr. Gerri Chaplin.

Wednesday, December 11, 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Room K-2001. Infusing Curriculum with Cultural and Gender Diversity, Part II, International/Intercultural Committee Members.

On November 6 Roxanne Munch discussed the JJC Faculty Staff Development exchange program with Great Britain.

Continuing Students

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'Good Person' opens next week

The Fine Arts Department will present *The Good Person of Setzuan* on Thursday, November 21, through Saturday, 23, in the Fine Arts Theatre, beginning at 8 p.m.

Written by German playwright Bertolt Brecht in the late 1930s, *The Good Person of Setzuan* is a parable about the struggle to be and stay a good person in today's society. The play uses comedy, drama, music, and special costume and scenic elements to help audiences explore several social issues.

The cast of thirty features Christina Peterson of Custer Park as Shen Teh, Dan Grimes of Shorewood as Yang Sun, Jamie Novotny of Joliet as Wang the Water Seller, Joellen Cioni of Bolingbrook as Mrs. Shin, and Eva Schultz of Plainfield, Sarah Hardy of Romeoville and Carrie Spiker of Braidwood as three Gods in search of a "good" person. The production is being directed by Dr. Zachary Bloomfield and designed by Nicki Blowers. Tamara Drosco of Joliet is the stage manager and Jennifer Ludden of Joliet and Dee Totz of Shorewood are the costume coordinators.

For tickets call the Fine Arts Theatre Box Office at (815) 729-9020, extension 2200.

Dan Grimes as Yang Sun and Christina Peterson as his girlfriend Shen Teh rehearse for *Good Person of Setzuan.*

Speech team wins a fifth place

By Stephen Hicks

The speech team brought home a fifth-place team trophy from the Moraine Valley Community College competition October 19, helped by the first-place finish of Mandy Sutter.

Mandy Sutter is a 16-year-old high school student and cheerleader with a four-point grade average who takes nine credit hours at JJC. Mandy took a first place individual trophy in program oral interpretation and a sixth-place trophy in poetry interpretation. A first -year speech team member, she made a strong showing at the tournament, according to Coach Ed Sutter.

Each speech team member went to the final round in the tournament and all received individual trophies in different categories to help the team to its fifth-place finish behind two four-year institutions.

Meghan Capron, another first-year team member, was the fifth- place finisher in the poetry interpretation category. Brian Bessler, a returning team member and sophomore at JJC, took a fifth-place trophy in persuasive speaking. In the duo interpretation category, first-year teammates Doug Hawksworth and Eric Moniger each received a sixth-place trophy. Two returning second-year members of the speech team, Mark Koeppenhoefer and Ann Matsko, did not travel with the team to Moraine Valley.

Mandy Sutter

The speech team participates in college tournaments in both the fall and spring semesters and the state, regional, and national tournaments if individuals or the team qualifies. Speech 111 is designed to prepare student for the tournaments and is taught by Coach Sutter. Speech team members are not required to take the course to participate in tournaments, but it is strongly recommended. Each team member also does not have to travel to each tournament, but to get a B, you must attend two tournaments in the semester. Any victory brings an A in the course.

Ed Sutter has been a JJC instructor for twenty-one years and the speech team head coach for the last eleven years. In the past six or seven years, three students have received scholarships to four-year schools.

Benefit Food Drive

The Junior College Players and the Fine Arts Department are working together on a food drive to benefit local food pantries. During the three performances of The Good Person of Setzuan on November 22, 23, and 24, if a theatregoer brings in a food donation of non-perishable items, he will receive a voucher for free cookies from the JJC Players refreshment stand.

Brigadoon needs big cast

Singers, dancers, and actors will be needed for the Joliet Junior College musical Brigadoon to be produced on two weekends in March. Because of the large cast needed, auditions will be held twice in the coming months. Vocal auditions will be held December 11 from 4 to 6 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. in the college's theatre. On December 12 the auditions will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. Singer-dancers may also audition at this time.

Musical Director Sue Malmberg says sopranos, altos, tenors, and baritones are needed for both principal parts and the chorus. Auditionees are asked to prepare a Broadway song that shows off their voice. An accompanist may be available, so bring music in your key, a tape, or your own accompanist. Director Dr. Rosaline B. Stone will ask auditionees to read scenes from the musical.

Additional auditions for dancers and actors will be held January 14 from 3-5 and 7-9 and on January 15 from 4 to 6. Rehearsals will begin January 21, and the musical opens February 28. The Frederick Loewe and Alan Jay Lerner musical tells the story of two American hunters who become lost in the Scottish Highlands. They encounter a mysterious village and are invited to attend a wedding. Gaiety, excitement, and love follow.

Now Showing

Michael Collins

By Barbara Lavin

Liam Neeson stars in this epic film about the Irish freedom fighter, Michael Collins. The film begins in 1916 during the Easter Rebellion in Dublin, Ireland. Collins, along with Harry Boland (played by Aidan Quinn) and Eamon De Valero (played by Alan Rickman), is arrested and sent to prison. De Valero is selected to be executed but is spared because of his U.S. Citizenship. After serving two years in an English prison, Collins and Boland return to Dublin to organize armies against the British reign and fight for the independence of Ireland.

Under the direction of De Valero, the president of the Irish Republic, Collins makes every attempt at freedom, and only after many bloody clashes and a bloody massacre at a sporting event do the English and the Irish decide on a cease fire. Collins is sent to London by De Valero to negotiate for peace, knowing that Collins will have the responsibility of bringing back the outcome to the people of Ireland. The Anglo-Irish treaty of 1922 was presented to the people of Ireland, which resulted in Britain's grant of dominion status to the Irish Free State, leaving Northern Ireland still under British rule. This treaty split the sentiment of the people and caused mayhem among its people, leading to the rise of the Irish Republican Army and eventually to the death of Michael Collins.

The movie is a beautiful epic, written and directed by Neil Jordan. The cinematography is visually outstanding, wonderfully shot in exquisite hues of blue and green. The story and characters are powerful and engrossing, except for the part played by Julia Roberts. She plays Kitty, the love interest of both Collins and Boland. Her character is weak and trite and detracts from the continuity of the film. Liam Neeson's riveting performance is almost a sure thing to be nominated for an Oscar. If you enjoy movies such as Braveheart or Dr. Zhivago, you will surely enjoy this masterfully done film.

Sleepers

By Keri Murray

Adapted from the book by Lorezo Carcaterra, Sleepers features such blockbuster actors as Robert Deniro, Dustin Hoffman, and Kevin Bacon. Despite a chilling performance from Kevin Bacon as one of the guards at a reform school, this movie took too long to get to the point and had already lost my interest by the time the plot was revealed. It could have been a great movie, especially considering the cast, if it hadn't been weighed down by two and a half hours of screen time. Two stars.

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Chair above designed by IIIA student Anna WeAnd, 1996.

Club notes: Speakers, meetings and more

EET began its busy year with one of the most popular exhibits at "Main Street." Here Matt Estensen and Josh Massey, students from Newark, take a look at the demonstration.

EET Speaker

Peter Look from Motorola will speak at the EET Club meeting November 16 at 1 a.m. in T 1001/2. Look will discuss two-way radio, including design, hardware and software control, peripheral devices, and circuit logic and devices. Everyone is invited.

History Club views video

The History Club discussed the club's official statement of purpose and then watched a video from the series "Lost Civilizations" at their November 6 meeting. Subjects covered in the series are the Mayans, ancient China, Greece, and other civilizations. Those who couldn't make it to this meeting but are still interested in history can call Dave Thompson (729-9020, ext. 2347) or they can sign up on the sheet on the Social and Behavioral Sciences bulletin board. This sign-up sheet and board are located in J-Building on the fourth floor by the stairs.

Psychic speaks

Jan Shiva will discuss cartomancy at the Friday, Nov. 15, meeting of the Parapsychology Club in D-2001.

Cartomancy is the ability to "read" a regular deck of playing cards, in this case a regular bridge deck. Shiva will talk about timing and accuracy and how to receive "yes" and "no" answers plus the suits and, if time allows, mind-expanding exercises.

Shiva is a natural psychic who does psychometry, tarot, palms, hypnosis and neurolinguistics. She has appeared on TV and makes her living doing workshops and private readings.

Ski Club draws 38

Thirty-eight members are on the roster this year of the JJC Ski Club, which currently is planning its annual ski trip to Winter Park, Colorado. Gerri Chaplin and Pat Sterr of the Business Department are co-sponsors.

The club, which has existed for more than twenty years, has no regular meetings since ski trips are its main activity. The club is open to all. Since it is not funded by the school, members are responsible for all expenses of the trip.

Native-American month

JJC has proclaimed November as Native American Heritage Month. In addition to the Pow Wow on November 16, two guest lecturers will be brought to the campus.

Craig Howe, Ph.D., Lakota, will discuss the Native American perspective on a variety of contemporary and historical issues, when he speaks November 20 from 2-4 p.m. in the TV studio, J-3011. Dr. Howe is director of the Center for American Indian History at the Newberry Library in Chicago.

William Yellow Robe, Jr., Assiniboine, will discuss issues relating to multi-cultural Native American writing on November 26 from 2-4 p.m. in J-0006 and J-0007. Professor Yellow Robe is a teacher at the Institute of American Indian Arts, Santa Fe, and is the author of numerous plays.

The speakers are co-sponsored by the JJC Honors Program, the Office of Student Services and Activities and the Native American Club.

Christmas news needed

Is your club doing something special for the Christmas holiday? Whether it is a fund-raiser or a special celebration, the *Blazer* would like to print your event in our Christmas edition. If you have any photos of Club members planning or preparing for Christmas activities, we would appreciate them.

Send all information and photos through campus mail to the Blazer c/o the English Department or drop them through the mail slot in the G-Building.

Horoscopes -- By Erica Coffey

Aries (March 21-April 19) Learn from your mistakes and let your problems make you stronger. Don't give up on school now; hang in there for the home stretch. Show your family that you appreciate them. Love is on the way.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Your friends realize what a special and unique person you are. Love comes when you least expect it. Work goes smoothly when you have a good attitude. A surprise is in store for you.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) A family member needs a little extra support from you. Tell a co-worker how you feel about them; there is no need to hold it in. A good money situation allows you to buy a couple of Christmas presents ahead of time.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Your love understands you more than you realize and it will soon be obvious. Real friends deserve your appreciation; do something special with them. Look for new job openings.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) A mysterious figure is in your future; a Taurus is involved. Make it a bullish month.

Virgo (August 23-September 22) Someone who seems distant may only be shy. Give them a chance. That brand new friend that doesn't bother you is at your doorstep; let them in. Start saving money for Christmas now.

Libra (September 23-October 22) Don't buckle under pressure. Things will turn out okay; it just might take a little longer than you expected. Be patient. Turn to loved ones for support. Go out and have some fun; you deserve it.

Scorpio (October 23-November 21) Be there for your friends when they need you; one in particular needs you more than ever. Encourage a distraught family member. Honesty is very important in a new relationship.

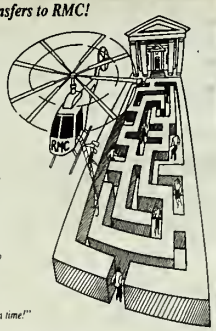
Sagittarius (November 22-December 21) Speak your mind, despite what others may think. Find a new hobby. A friend is touched by your warmth and understanding. Slight changes at work could benefit you.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19) Renew a relationship with someone from the past. Beware of money traps. Having a good sense of humor will get you through an uncomfortable situation. Your love does something special for you.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18) Don't hesitate to call someone that has been on your mind. Buy yourself a little treat. It's time to do something that you've been putting off. Be extra sweet to your love.

Pisces (February 19-March 29) Have patience with an annoying co-worker. Don't judge the book by its cover. You relate well with a family member. A project at school seems much easier once you start it.

"A-Mazed" by how long it's taking to graduate, Marcia transfers to RMC!



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Chief Zeborowski polices three campuses

By Keri Murray

If you have ever gone to the Fitness Center here at JJC, you have passed the office of Gerald Zeborowski, Chief of Campus Police. He carries this title of thirteen years proudly and takes his job very seriously. His more than 20 years of experience as a campus officer aids him in his duties.

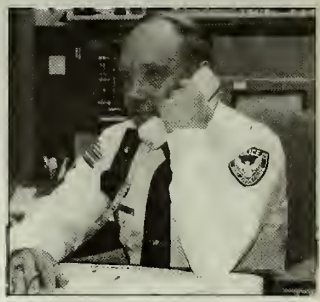
Currently at the three JJC campuses, 16 officers are working under Chief Zeborowski's jurisdiction. Full-time employees have six months to complete a 400-hour basic training program whereas part-timers have two years to complete these requirements. The officers are the law on campus and have all the authority that any police officer has. The only noticeable difference is that JJC officers are unarmed.

Chief Zeborowski has a lot to be proud of. The crime statistics booklets are readily available to all students and faculty and are located outside the campus police office. The numbers speak for themselves. While drugs are a growing problem virtually everywhere, there has only been one reported drug abuse violation on campus in the last three years. All other crimes listed on the statistics for the main campus are also very low. Campus records are subjected to outside audits to make sure numbers are correct.

The most prevalent problem at this time is domestic violence. There are currently three orders of protection for JJC students that are in jeopardy. Chief Zeborowski urges anyone who is having a problem with a former boyfriend, husband or anyone else to come to the campus police for help. Whether you already have an order of protection filed or you are considering that option, they can help walk you through the process. That is why they are here, to help insure your safety, the chief says.

Police work can have its lighter moments. Halloween reminds Zeborowski of a practical joke that he and some other officers played on a friend. It was Halloween weekend, and his friend was spooked about the whole thing. The officers rigged a phony distress call to come in and asked the friend to lead the way. Upon reaching the building where the call had come from, he saw a figure sitting in a chair with its back facing him. As he approached it, the sheet-cloaked figure jumped up at him and screamed. The chief remarked with a devilish grin that he was thankful campus officers did not carry guns.

Has campus life been good to Chief Zeborowski? Just ask his wife Brenda, better known as softball coach Brenda Ball Zeborowski. While having problems with a difficult student, she requested the aid of campus police. Chief Zeborowski responded. That was about twelve years ago, and as they say, the rest is history.



Pow Wow with the Chief-- Campus police Chief Gerald Zeborowski fields a call from one of the 16 officers under his jurisdiction. Main Campus, North Campus, and City Center are all under the same jurisdiction.

POLICE BLOTTER

OCTOBER 6 - OCTOBER 27, 1996

- **Disorderly Conduct:** A student complained of being harassed by a non-student in the D-mall area. The non-student was given a criminal trespass warning and instructed to leave campus.

- **Non-criminal Damage to Property:** Two personal vehicles were damaged in a non-traffic related incident.

- **Criminal Damage to Property:** A pay telephone located on the Main Concourse was found damaged.

- **Theft Under $300:** An unknown person took books from a classroom.

- **Theft Under $300:** A jacket and wallet were reported missing from the men's locker room.

- **Non-criminal damage to property:** A vehicle driven by a rental company drove off the roadway on to a freshly landscaped area causing damage to the grass.

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Music to usher in holidays at JJC

The ninteenth annual JJC Madrigal Dinner will be held Friday, December 6, at the Renaissance Center.

Food will be prepared by the Culinary Arts Department under the supervision of Chef Patrick Hegarty. The evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a reception in the Atrium. The madrigal guests will move to the great dining hall at 7 p.m. to feast on prime rib or cornish game hen and all of the madrigal trimmings, including flaming "figgy" pudding.

Douglas Oxborrrow is director of the 1996 JJC Madrigal Singers. The madrigal staff also includes Sue Malmberg as director of the jesters and Medieval Players and Nicki Blowers as technical director, with responsibility for stage and scenic design. The JJC Brass Quintet, under the direction of Jerry E. Lewis, will provide Renaissance, Baroque, and traditional music of the season throughout the evening.

Tickets for the dinner are $32.00 per person. Reservations may be made by calling the Fine Arts Department at extension 2223 by December 2.

Madrigal--
December 6
Winter Concert--
December 8

The JJC Community Band will present its Winter Concert on Sunday, December 8, at 3 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theatre. The band is under the direction of Jerry E. Lewis, chairman of the Fine Arts Department.

This concert will consist of music by American composers including Clifton Williams, "The Patriots;" Ron Nelson formerly of Joliet, "Rocky Point Holiday;" Herbert L. Clarke, "Cousins," a duet featuring Ed Kursell on baritone and Jerry Lewis on trumpet; Charles Ives, "Variations on America;" John Williams, "Olympic Fanfare and Theme (1984);" John Philip Sousa, "The Washington Post;" Michael Kamen, "An American Symphony" from Mr. Holland's Opus; Leonard Bernstein, "Overture to Candide;" Glenn Osser, "Beguine for Band," conducted by Paul Bickolas, Director of Bands at Shabbona Junior High School, Morris, and Warren Barker, "Themes Like Old Times II, " a medley of Swanee," "For Me and My Gal," "Put Your Arms Around Me Honey," "Pretty Baby," and "Tiger Rag."

Tom Drake, conductor of the Joliet American Legion Band, will direct "Cousins." This concert provides something for everyone—from the serious to the light hearted.

Admission is $3 for adults, $2 for students and senior citizens, and $1 to all JJC faculty, students and staff.

Santa's express needs helpers

Sponsored by Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Will and Grundy Counties, Santa's Express (a real train) is scheduled to leave to the North Pole on December 14 and December 15 from Joliet with stops in New Lenox and Mokena. It is an annual fund-raising even that provides a unique experience for young children.

Santa is calling for his friends to help plan and organize this event. Creative and fun people who like kids and wish to bring joy to children at the holiday season are encouraged to help in one of the following areas: entertainment, costuming, North Pole reception, Santa Train merchandise, station decorations, reservations.

Individuals wishing to be elves or Christmas characters will have an orientation in November. Train tickets will go on sale on November 1 for the December 14 and 15 train rides. Santa's helpers entertain the kids along the way, and the kids meet Santa.

For more information and to indicate your interest please call 815/725-4570.

Pow wow is 'Good Time'--

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well as the U.S. flag, and behind them come the head male and female dancers, who uphold the Native traditions in the pow wow and have the honor of leading the intertribal dances. Then come the Native Princesses, who have been chosen for their knowledge of culture and community service, followed by the rest of the intertribal dancers, who will all gather in the arena to create a circle representing the sacred circle of life. All creation moves in a circle, divided into four parts (four seasons, four races, four beings divided into the two-legged, four-legged, winged and swimmers) according to Native tradition.

The Native American culture has much to share. Lakota George, a Native flute-player and story-teller, summed it up, "Before we take anything from the earth, we must give something back." Have fun learning!

Cars remain the same——

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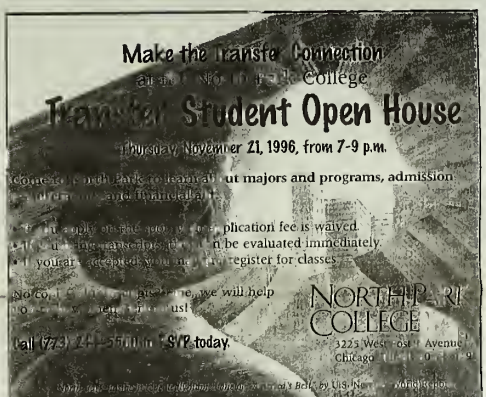
and rusted auto parts. Many of the house numbers are now hidden from view by overgrown trees and shrubs. No longer do the once-handsome initials painted on garage doors belong to the family that lives in the house. Perhaps folks don't feel like this is THEIR neighborhood anymore. Could it be that the people living behind the weathered front doors have given up on their dreams? These are not their dream homes; rather they are the homes that once belonged to the same children whose hand prints are stamped at the foot of each porch.

Recently I drove my son through the old neighborhood. It seemed a bit darker than I remembered it to be. As we watched the kids on the playground from the safety of our locked car, I realized that even today, there is an early 70's model car parked in many of the driveways on George Drive.

NOTE: Deborah Webb is a social science major from Braidwood; Jennifer Weglewski is a liberal arts major from Homer Township. The Blazer welcomes views from students in all disciplines.

Last issue's Mystery Picture

Last issue's mystery picture was a display case that the drama department maintains in a corridor off the Theatre lobby. Nichola Blowers is in charge of the display of symbolic momentoes of campus productions.



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JJC SPORTS NOTES

Final Word

The football team coached by John Rossetti finished the season with a 3-6 overall record.

The women's volleyball team coached by Cindy Thomas placed third in the N4C Conference Tournament. They ended regular season play with a 12-23-3 record.

Fitness Center

The Fitness Center has launched a new fundraiser...Market Day. It is a food co-op that allows the purchase of quality food items. Proceeds will be used for much-needed equipment. Order forms may be picked up in the Center.

Fall Banquet

The Fall Banquet for the cheerleaders, football and volleyball players will be November 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the JJC cafeteria. Reservations are required.

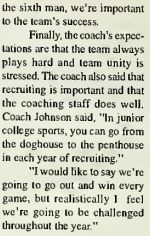
Barefield, Temple lead the pack

By Roy Herman

It's time for Lady Wolves Basketball! That's right, now that it's nice and cold out, and we're getting that freezing rain and blustery winds, it's a good time to come indoors to see our ladies play.

Coach Tim Johnson brings his three years of coaching experience at JJC and 16 career total to help lead and teach these girls basketball. Coach Johnson highlights two key returning starters: And nowwww... from Romeoville High School, a 5'5 guard, #10 Misti Temple! From Joliet Township, a 5'4 point guard, #14 Kisha Barefield! Misti Temple was All-Conference last year, while Kisha Barefield was an All-American.

Key games of the year include South Surburban, Nov. 21 at 5 p.m; McHenry, Dec 19, at 5:15 p.m.; and the always tough conference opponent Kankakee, away on Jan. 2 at 5 p.m. The ladies will host a holiday classic tournament at JJC on Nov. 29. Those games start at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. respectively. The other tournament games will be held Nov. 30 here at 2 and 4 p.m. Let's pack the place because as



Tim Johnson

the sixth man, we're important to the team's success.

Finally, the coach's expectations are that the team always plays hard and team unity is stressed. The coach also said that recruiting is important and that the coaching staff does well. Coach Johnson said, "In junior college sports, you can go from the doghouse to the penthouse in each year of recruiting."

"I would like to say we're going to go out and win every game, but realistically I feel we're going to be challenged throughout the year."

This team is Mines!

By Mark Gregory

The JJC men's basketball team is looking to rally behind the leadership of returning starter Michael Mines and a talented supporting cast to overcome a tough schedule.

Michael Mines, a 6'0" graduate of Joliet Township H.S., is the only returning starter from last year's Wolves basketball team. He is joined by Alphonse Mbambi-Ngoma as the only two sophomores on the team. Mbambi-Ngoma saw a considerable amount of minutes last season but was sidelined part of the year with a broken leg.

Last year was not only the first season for Mines and Mbambi-Ngoma, but it was also the rookie season for head coach Mike Martin. Coach Martin said that on the floor this team belongs to Mines, at least this year. He said that this year is the final shot for him and Mbambi-Ngoma to win a championship at JJC. Off the court, however, the team belongs to Coach Martin.

With only two players returning from last year's team, which finished the year 14-14, (6-4 in conference), Coach Martin had a lot of spots to fill. He did this by setting no limits to his recruiting. Coach Martin brought in players such as Mark Parker from the Bahamas, Loren Boyce from Grand Turk & Cacaos Islands, and Fred Baillif to join Mbambi-Ngoma as the second member of the team from Switzerland. He also went cross-country and brought in Jermaine Coleman from North Carolina. To fill the remaining spots, Coach Martin stayed at home. He brought in Plainfield graduates Ryan Harris, Nick Fox and Chris Morgan. He rounded out the team by looking on the back porch and bringing in three Joliet Township grads to accompany Mines as the home-grown play-

Mike Martin

ers. These players are Dwayne Edmon, Eric Walton, and Kevin Raub.

The next task, then, is for Coach Martin to shape these talented freshman into ballplayers. He said that he is not real fond of the "run 'till you drop" method of conditioning. He explained his notion of having the players in "game shape" and not just in good condition. Most of the training done early in the season is mental. Coach Martin works on the level of mental toughness, being able to ignore injury and play through pain.

This, obviously, has worked for the JJC basketball program. Although the team has not played any games, Coach Martin said he receives four to five phone calls a day from Division I schools. However, the players will not be playing for a Division I school this year; every one of them will be trying to help JJC overcome what Coach Martin called "possibly the toughest non-conference schedule in the nation." Not to mention the conference foes. At 6-4 last year the Wolves finished in fourth place in the conference but feel they can improve on that. The pre-season conference favorite is Triton, which returns four starters from its second-place team last season. "The conference should come down to three or four teams mixing it up for the lead," Coach Martin said. "The winner could even have three losses."

JJC, however, does not want to be stuck in a pack of teams fighting for first place. It has its goals set on sitting at the top, alone.

Wacky World of Sports

By Mark Gregory

WHITE(Y'S) CAP- The New York Yankees have a tradition of great pitchers. Current Yankee closer, John Wetteland, decided to link the ages through his baseball hat. While he was growing up, Wetteland's baseball hero was Yankee pitcher Whitey Ford. So, when an equipment manager found an old hat that was worn by Ford, he asked Wetteland if he would like it. Not only did Wetteland accept the hat, he chose to wear it. Because the Yankees have never changed their uniforms, this was possible. Now whether or not the hat made Wetteland the best closer in baseball is up for question. All we know is he did cap off his season by becoming the 1996 World Series MVP.

OPEN AND CLOSE- With the Yankees winning game five of the World Series, and the last game in Atlanta's Fulton County Stadium, one person will forever be linked to the stadium. Yankee Manager Joe Torre hit the first ever homerun in Fulton County Stadium, and as the "chop shop" came to a close, Torre closed it out with a win for the Yankees. That win completed a three-game sweep of the Braves in their final series in the stadium.

YANKEES DO DA DANDY- Once again the most storied franchise in baseball history sits on top of the baseball world. The Yankees overcame a two-games-to-one deficit to beat the Braves in six games. The Yankees were the first team to achieve this come-from-behind victory since the 1986 New York Mets. Throughout the series the Yankees rode the bats of players like Cecil Fielder, Bernie Williams, Charlie Hayes and Darryl Strawberry. They also got clutch hits from both of their catchers. They go great pitching down the road from Andy Pettite, David Cone and game-six winner Jimmy Key. Like always, the Yankee bullpen, anchored by World Series MVP John Wetteland, came through every time.

SORRY, WRONG NUMBER- In the last issue, I reported that Brown would wear jersey number "2." That was not so correct. Brown changed his mind and went with number "1," after our press time for the last issue.

Judo Club wins again

By Liz Vivanco

Five members of the JJC Judo Club won medals at the 1996 Illinois State Judo Championship last month.

In the Novice Category, Ron Egizio, yellow belt, Heavy Weight Division, won a gold medal. Another gold medal went to Mark Bushel, yellow belt, of the Medium Weight Division.

A silver medal went to Mike Koerner, green belt, of the Medium Weight Division. Jason Farkasch, orange belt, of the Light Weight Division won a bronze medal.

In the Advanced Category, Light Weight Division, Piotr Tuzyzinski, black belt, won a bronze medal.

The Championship took place October 20 at Harper College in Palatine.

Women's Sports

Help! Participation needed

By Betha Cramer

Women's sports at JJC are experiencing a decline in participation. Athletic Director Wayne King is searching for the reason and what can be done.

Four sports are offered to women at the college: tennis, volleyball, basketball and softball. Tennis has not had a team in two years due to lack of participation.

JJC competes in the very competitive N4C Conference. Players receive exposure for possible four-year college opportunities. Many players go on to finish their education at these colleges with the help of athletic scholarships.

King has prepared a survey and needs input from the women at JJC. Please fill out the form below and return it to the Blazer mail slot (G1009) or to the Athletic office (G1002).

Sports Survey

1. What sports would you participate in?
   _____Cross Country
   _____Soccer
   _____Track and Field
   _____Other

2. What sports would you like to see on campus?
   _____Cross Country
   _____Soccer
   _____Track and Field
   _____Other

3. Please indicate what you think is the reason participation by females in athletics is low?
   _____School Other (list)
   _____Job _____
   _____Lack of Interest

4. In your opinion, what is needed to give a boost to women's athletics at JJC?_____
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Santa's here!
JJC shoppers are finding an extensive assortment of holiday gifts, decorations, and cards in the JJC Bookstore. Christmas banners, beautiful ornaments for the tree, and a selection of unusual and creative gifts are available.

Trustee petitions are available soon

By Stephen Hicks

Petitions for the 1997-98 Student Representative on the JJC Board of Trustees will be available to students on January 27 in the Office of Student Services and Activities.

A student representative serves as the liaison between the student body and the administration at JJC. The trustee attends monthly board meetings and may participate on committees established by the board. The student trustee member has the right to make and second motions and to attend executive sessions.

The student trustee also heads the Collegiate Council. The Collegiate Council is the JJC student governing body that makes decisions regarding student clubs and various activities in conjunction with the Office of Student Services and Activities.

To qualify for candidacy, students must have nine college credit hours at JJC and be currently enrolled for six or more college credit hours. Six or more credit hours must be maintained during each semester of the term in office. Students must also be in good standing in respect to their GPA (a C average). Students can find the definition in the current student handbook.

The first day to file petitions will be February 6, 1997, and students will have a chance to meet the candidates on March 12, 1997. Student elections will be held on March 19 and 20. The election results will be posted the following day.

All interested candidates can attend a board meeting or talk with current trustee member Carina Jaksha. Marissa Julinson, director of Student Services and Activities, can be reached at ext. 2308 for petitions and more information.

Touchtone Registration is not taking a break

By Stephen Hicks

With the exception of touchtone registration, Fitness Center, and the Renaissance Center, the campus will be closed during Christmas break from December 23 to January 2. Students can pick up their final semester grades at the kiosks through December 23.

On January 2 faculty and staff return, and services resume on either a full or limited basis, depending on the area. The Learning Resource Center reopens at this time. On January 13 students return, classes start, and all services are up and going.

Touchtone registration continues through break with the following hours. Monday through Thursday, 12:01 a.m. to 7:50 p.m.; Friday, 12:01 a.m. through 4:20 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 24 hours a day The Registration Office will be closed from 4:30 p.m. December 23 to 8 a.m. January 2.

The Fitness Center is open on a limited schedule that appears under Sports Notes in page 112 of this issue.

The Renaissance Center restaurant will serve brunch on Sunday, December 28; Wednesday, January 4, and Sunday, January 8. Daily brunches resume on January 13.

The Blazer staff wishes everyone a wonderful holiday and will welcome you back with another issue February 5.

Students vacation until Jan. 13

New sign is a gift

By Melissa Serra

An anonymous gift has made possible a new sign to spruce up the entrance to JJC. In addition to the tall, lighted, main entrance sign and two smaller entrance and exit signs, another sign is located on the corner of Jefferson and Houbolt.

The largest sign, which is 17 feet long and 21 feet high, is located at the main entrance of the school. Campus information will be sent to the sign and displayed by the light matrix system, which is computer controlled, explained Dow Smith, director of the Physical Plant. A smaller version is located off campus on Jefferson.

The remaining two signs are smaller entrance and exit signs. All four signs are purple with the white JJC logo. The four signs were made at an estimated cost of $80,000.

Civil War Club gives vets a traditional rifle salute

By Keri Murray

There were no sounds of trumpets playing or drums beating in the crisp fall air behind the "D" Building on Friday, November 8. The scene was true to the historical period as members of the Living Historians of the Civil War club met by the Veterans Memorial Flag to pay homage to veterans who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

As the flag was lowered, Sean Cowger and Nathan Tuider shot three rounds from Civil War rifles while Pete Kiefert of the Technical Department directed them. Dressed in period soldier uniforms, the three paid tribute to the fallen veterans.

The Members of the Living Historians of the Civil War Club is a new club at JJC. It was started in September of this year by Sean Cowger, who is involved in a similar club outside of the college.

The purpose of the club is to educate people who do not know about the Civil War and to help preserve the historically significant sites on and around campus. According to one of the club members, there is a wall partially on campus that was built by Civil War soldiers. Although the purpose of the wall is unknown, one of the objectives of the club is to find it and help to preserve it.

Almost all of the members are involved in outside clubs in the area. One of the major events that these outside clubs partake in is Civil War re-enactments. Some are more informative tacticals while others are called mega-events. These mega-events consist of between 2,000 and 10,000 members who become Civil-War soldiers for the weekend. Equipped with only the supplies of a solder from that era, they fight a simulated war.

"It's an escape from reality," said Sean Cowger. "You look around and all you see are things just the way they would have been during the Civil War."

Currently 13 members belong to the JJC Living Historians of the Civil War Club, but they are hoping to expand. Any student or faculty member with an interest in the Civil War or in learning more about it can contact Pete Kiefert at ext. 2480.

Photo by Stephen Hicks

Three rounds from Civil War rifles honor veterans of all wars.

From the desk of the Editor

By Stephen Hicks

Like a number of students on campus, I use the services of the Financial Aid department. Let me start by saying that I have received great service from the ladies at the desk. They always try to have the right answers, but the process one goes through, the paperwork that must be completed, and the waiting periods should be simplified some way.

When the cost of college gets laid in your lap rather than that of your parents, or even if your parents do pay for your education, we look for financial assistance. Financial Aid comes in many forms, my favorite being green, but sometimes...*it's not easy being green*..

Most people start by filling out an aid form from good old Uncle Sam, but after you fill out the Federal Financial Aid Form, the government makes you wait for an answer to the amount you should receive, if any. I myself decided, after the first go 'round with Financial Aid, to fill out the forms as early as possible (January or February) so a financial concern does not interfere with the beginning of the following school year.

Once you get an answer about any aid you'll receive, you have to schedule an appointment with Financial Aid. If and only if there are not any problems with your form and you are getting money, you receive a credit to sign up for classes and to get books. Not a bad policy, but what about those few of us who are lucky enough to have a state agency pay for our tuition and books and in addition receive a federal grant for the year? I will tell you.

If you receive funding from the U. S. Government, JJC waits until mid-term (sometimes later like this semester) to distribute half of the funds that you will receive for one semester. In other words, you get your first payment of funding eight weeks into the semester and for one-fourth the amount the government will give you for the year. You receive the other one-fourth after the last drop date for classes.

The reasoning for this is if you give money to students at the beginning of the semester and they drop a course, or the whole semester, then the government is out the money. This is punishing those of us who attend classes regularly and need the money for other expenditures allowed for under the grant's provisions (transportation, room and board, etc.).

Not knowing this policy before starting this semester and putting all of my eggs in one basket, I was counting on the money at the beginning of the year. Well, after breaking a few eggs, and cooking some of them on my steaming head, I realized that knowing is half the battle; and if this little tidbit of information helps someone else cope with financial disaster, I mean aid, then I done my duty. I just hope I don't dootie on my shoe next time.

The bell rings out!

Last issue's mystery picture was the JJC Bell Tower, as viewed from the cafeteria. Although it doesn't ring out Christmas carols, the bell, which is electronically controlled, does chime the hour. The bell is a JJC tradition.

When the temporary campus was built to house JJC after its move from Joliet Central, the Bell Tower was in the center of the quadrangle. The bell itself had been moved from the old Will County Court House. When the present campus was completed in 1973, the Bell Tower was moved to its present location.

Don't rule out young jurors

By Cynthia Chubb

Listen Illinois youth—forget the pierced tongue, tatooed bald head and ripped jeans. The Seventh U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals decided two months ago that 18-25 year-olds are not a 'distinct group.'

This means that would-be-jurors in that age range can quite legally and systematically be excluded from juries because young people don't have views all their own. Obviously parents have been doing battle with their off'spring for nothing all these years.

Young people have no views that couldn't be found among older jurors, so the system loses nothing in their absence, according to the appeals court.

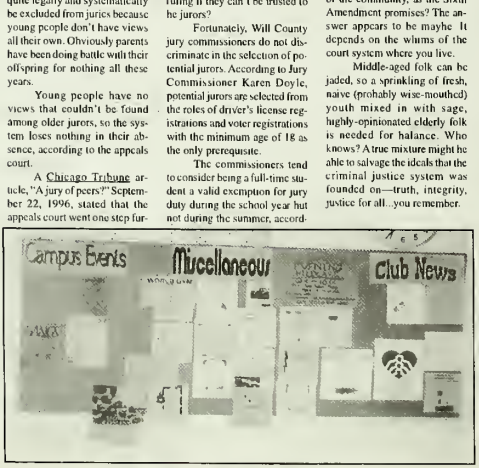
A Chicago Tribune article, "A jury of peers?" September 22, 1996, stated that the appeals court went one step further. It noted that other courts have overwhelmingly allowed age-based discrimination in the selection of jurors, be they young or old. Horrors! Does that mean Bob Dole could have become president but still be legally excluded from a jury? What about the Supreme Court? Should silver-headed judges be ruling if they can't be trusted to be jurors?

Fortunately, Will County jury commissioners do not discriminate in the selection of potential jurors. According to Jury Commissioner Karen Doyle, potential jurors are selected from the roles of driver's license registrations and voter registrations with the minimum age of 18 as the only prerequisite.

The commissioners tend to consider being a full-time student a valid exemption for jury duty during the school year but not during the summer, according to Doyle. She was not aware of the Federal Appeals Court ruling that allows age-discrimination in jury selection. Hopefully, it wasn't a mistake to inform her.

The final question is whether we have a legal right to a jury of our peers, which is composed of a true cross-section of the community, as the Sixth Amendment promises? The answer appears to be maybe. It depends on the whims of the court system where you live.

Middle-aged folk can be jaded, so a sprinkling of fresh, naive (probably wise-mouthed) youth mixed in with sage, highly-opinionated elderly folk is needed for balance. Who knows? A true mixture might be able to salvage the ideals that the criminal justice system was founded on—truth, integrity, justice for all...you remember.



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In the season of good will to men...

What causes discrimination? Are prejudice, discrimination, and variance doomed to follow each other in a vicious cycle forever?

By Tomoko Smith

When do we feel discrimination against us? Is it a time when other people treat us unfairly without adequate reasons? Unfortunately, various kinds of discrimination exist in this world. They are based on our background, such as gender or race, so experiences with discrimination differ individually according to our status. For example, I have had different experiences with sexual and racial discrimination in Japan and the USA even though I am the same person. From my experiences, discrimination is created by prejudice.

First of all, a large number of women suffer from sexual discrimination. In my country, Japan, sexual bias connects with gender roles since Japanese people tend to distinguish them strictly. According to Japanese gender roles, men should work outside, and women should stay home and do household chores. Most Japanese women face sexual discrimination when they start looking for jobs because most companies think women will quit thir jobs when they get married or pregnant. Consequently, these companies prefer hiring men.

Traditional gender roles mislead employers to underestimate women's ability Most Japanese women have secretarial or clerical pitsitions, and their salaries are usually lower than male employees' incomes. Moreover, not only employers, but also husbands expect their wives to do housekeeping and take care of their children. In general, Japanese husbands do not share household chores with their spouses like American husbands, Japanese women need to overcome prejudice to make their careers successful.

Compared with Japan, the USA has less sexual discrimination as the result of American women's endeavors. Americans do not have the traditional idea of gender roles as much as the Japanese, and many companies and organizations have a policy against sexual discrimination. Nevertheless, some women still struggle with sexual unfairness because it is difficult to change people's thoughts by policies or laws. Though the USA manages sexual discrimination much better than Japan, there is plenty of room for improvement.

Besides sexual discrimination, another bias is related to race. In Japan, racial discrimination is less obvious than in the USA because Japan is a mono-race country. The Japanese do not experience racial discrimination in their country. However, situations are different for non-Japanese. Many Japanese have a prejudice against GAIJIN, which means foreigner in Japanese. To make matters worse, some Japanese are xenophobic. Though the number of non-Japanese residents has been increasing, many Japanese do not know about them. This lack of knowledge creates the prejudice and xenophobia.

In contrast, racial discrimination is a serious issue in the USA because this country consists of various races, and differences among races create conflicts. Many people have a prejudice against other races since they have little knowledge of other races or do not accept the differences. In my case, though I have never thought about racial discrimination seriously in Japan, I can not help considering racial issues in the USA since I often see racial conflicts in this country. Circumstances teach me the depth of racial bias, which is the result of American history. Prejudice creates discrimination, and the discrimination causes variance, and then the variance negatively influences prejudice Somehow, Americans have to stop this vicious circle.

In summary, biased knowledge creates sexual and racial discrimination in both countries, Japan and the USA Discrimination is rooted in history and culture, so it will not be eradicated in a short period of time. However, by continuing to make efforts to understand each other and respect our differences, we may see a conference between a female Japanese prime minister and non-white president of the USA in the future.

Tomoko Smith is a JJC student from Plainfield. She has lived in the United States two years.

Letters to the Editor

More response to abortion issue

Dear Editor:

I found Mark Davenport's article on abortion to be certainly interesting and stimulating. Although I may agree with some of his positions, I was very bothered by his statement that Pro-Choice advocates "correctly argue that no one really knows when life begins," as if to suggest that the Pro-Choice position in this debate is inherently correct. At the same time, he suggests that he does not care when life begins, seeming to suggest that this question is irrelevant.

I do think that the abortion issue is a terribly complex one with philosophical, scientific, and theological overtones and that we need to tread lightly and cautiously. Certainly, the question of when life begins is central to this issue. Just as Mr. Davenport would like his readers to think that "life is sacred," I would also hope that he would respect, in fact bold sacred, the necessity for honest and consistent dialogue about the issue of abortion.

Patrick W. Asher, Chairman
English/Foreign Language

Dear Editor:

I am responding to your editorial of October 23, 1996, in which you requested some feedback about *The Blazer*. I enjoyed reading the articles. I read with interest, "Don't miss Gowhead," but how can I not miss the group when the article does not mention the time or location of the performance?

Also, may I suggest that some articles be written that are geared to some of our older (30 yrs.+) students, since there are many adults enrolled at JJC. Perhaps you could interview some of the students in the 30+ group to see why they are attending school. They could possibly give some words of advice to the younger students. (Yes, I am an "older" student. I am in my mid-thirties.)

Best wishes to you and your staff. Keep up the good work!

"*Molly*"

Dear Editor:

Congratulations, America! We've managed to out-Hitler, Hitler. Not only is abortion a legal method of birth-control in America, but now President Bill Clinton has made it "O.K." to flat-out murder a perfectly healthy baby. Today in our country it is legal to take a baby six to nine months old and commit infanticide. Doctors are able to pull the baby half way into the birth canal, shove scissors into the back of the baby's head, rip open a hole while the baby is kicking and grabbing and then suck out the baby's brains and toss its body away with other medical waste.

In case you don't know what I'm talking about, it's called partial-birth abortion. Just recently our president vetoed a bill banning partial-birth abortions. H.R. 1833 was a bill that would ban the "procedure" of late-term abortions because they are medically and ethically unnecessary.

Pro-life and an increasingly large number of pro-abortion activists are both against this procedure. It isn't as though Congress were debating a balanced budget amendment or term limits; both Houses passed a bill to stop the elective murder of innocent babies. Yet the President vetoed the bill.

Former, Surgeon General C. Everett Koop was quoted in the Chicago Tribune as saying, "I believe that Clinton was misled by his medical advisers on what is fact and what is fiction in reference to late-term abortions. Because in no way can I twist my mind to see that the late-term abortion as described—you know, partial-birth and then destruction of the unborn child before the head is born— is a medical necessity for the mother. It certainly can't be a necessity for the baby. So I am opposed to... partial birth abortions."

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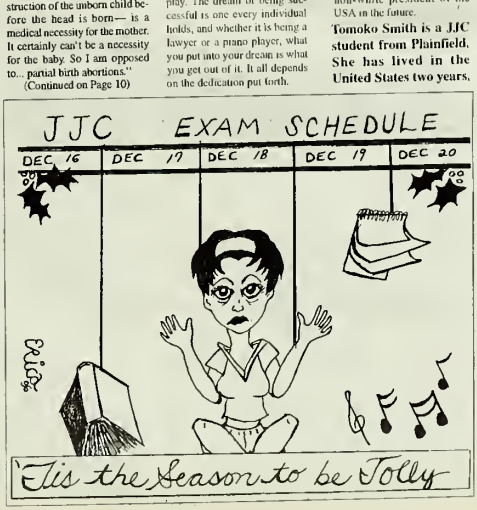
Put effort into dreams

By M.K. Mison

In mastering a musical instrument much effort and dedication is required. Hours practicing, whether it be a guitar or saxophone, contribute to a possible jumpstart to the opportunity to play in a band. This is the ideal conclusion for anyone who plays an instrument. Success and satisfaction go hand-in hand.

Gowhead, for example, is not yet as popular as Led Zeppelin, but the musicians achieve satisfaction in the music they play. The dream of being successful is one every individual holds, and whether it is being a lawyer or a piano player, what you put into your dream is what you get out of it. It all depends on the dedication put forth.



Now Showing

Ransom

By Barbara Lavin

Ron Howard's first attempt at a suspense thriller produced a very powerful and brilliantly directed film. Howard's exceptional directing of Mel Gibson, Rene Russo, and Gary Sinese proves that he has the talent to direct such an emotional undertaking.

Gibson plays Tom Mullen, CEO of Endeavor Airlines, whose son is kidnapped from the New York City Junior Science Fair by a group of abductors led by corrupt cop Jimmy Shaker (played by Sinese). After a botched drop-off with the abductors and double cross by the FBI, Mullen decides on a one-man crusade against the kidnappers by offering the ransom money to the first person that can identify the captors.

The film is filled with suspense and has a surprise ending that will keep you on the edge of your seat. Gibson and Sinese put in phenomenal performances and will definitely be in contention for Academy Awards. The real winner of the film is director Ron Howard, who keeps the suspense and intrigue at such a level that the audience stood and cheered at the end of the film! If you only have one film to see this year, make it this movie!!!

Revenge

ABC late-night movie

By Mark Davenport

I didn't see all of this late-1980's Kevin Costner flick. I didn't see most of it, or even some of it. In truth, I only watched about 15 minutes of this movie.

I'm not an avid T.V. viewer. I don't have a favorite sit-com or cop show. Now my friend Kate...her dad loves T.V. Ironically, he's a school teacher, and I think he spends every moment he's not in the classroom sitting on his reclining chair, remote-control in hand. He's like a cartoon character. I could almost see the house burning down in an Acme explosion and him still sitting in his chair, covered in ashes, and STILL FLIPPING THROUGH THE CHANNELS.

When I do watch T.V., I flip around just like Kate's dad. I think everyone does. in "Revenge," Kevin Costner lives with an old Mexican mobster. Together, they play tennis and sip cocktails. Enter Madeline Stowe as the mobster's beautiful wife, with whom Kevin Costner falls in love. I flip away to Beverly Hills 90210, a Chuck Norris movie, and World Wide Wrestling. A half-an-hour later, I flip back to Revenge just in time to catch the T.V.-edited love scene. Stowe seduced him with the old "I'll follow-you-into-the-closet-and-close-the-door" trick.

Since that was one of the only scenes I saw involving Madeline Stowe, this was probably my best opportunity to evaluate Stowe's abilities as an actress, and she did not leave me disappointed. Madeline Stowe moaned into Costner's ear as well as any leading lady I've seen since Sharon Stone. I watched the love scene closely, hoping to catch a glimpse of some of the nudity my little brother told me was in the Uncut Version, but the censors did their jobs. Still, this love scene was by far the best thing I saw on T.V. all night.

I went back to Beverly Hills 90210, hoping to catch Kelly in a similar situation, but tonight the girls were merely gossiping about "who's an item." So at the next commercial, I flipped back to Revenge, where Costner and Stowe are at it again, just like a couple of horny teenagers. This time they are in Costner's secluded cabin.

Suddenly, the door comes crashing down, and in comes the mobster husband and his goons. For the next six minutes, they beat the living snot out of Costner, which made for the second-best thing I saw on T.V. that night. After Madeline Stowe gets cut with a knife, the feminist in me decides that she's had enough violence and gore for a while-although a little more sex wouldn't have bothered me at all.

It was 45 minutes later when I returned to the movie. I'm not sure what happened in that time, but judging from the title, I'm sure Costner exacted a huge price for his bloody nose. Either way, at the end, the two lovers are reunited. When he finds the beloved woman he's only known for a few days, she's on her death-bed, which sets up an ending that would really upset me had I watched the entire movie.

Here's how it ends: she dies. Lying in his arms, looking into Costner's eyes, and with one last "I love you," she dies. I don't know what Kevin Costner went through to get her back, but this is an action movie/tragedy, so I'm sure it was more trouble than she was worth. If I was the hero, I'd be furious. I might even throw her dead body to the ground and start screaming about the stunts and special effects and time I wasted trying to save a girl who dies as soon as I rescue her.

I might have walked out of the theater saying the same thing.

Winter Jazz is Friday

The JJC Fine Arts Department will present its annual Winter Jazz Concert Friday, December 13. The concert will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theatre.

The concert will feature the college's Jazz Band under the direction of Jerry E. Lewis, chairman of the Fine Arts Department. The Jazz Band will perform "Blues for Red" by Jon Fedchock; "It's Just Talk" by Pat Metheny; "Meridian Blue" by Dominic Spera; "Blues for the Comatose" by Frank Mantooth; "I Get a Kick Out of You" arranged by Ian McDougall; "Hard Hearted Hannah" arranged by Sammy Nestico; "Chicken Polo" by Les Hooper; "Bikini Beach" by Paul Baker; and "Which Craft" by Tom Kubis.

Jerry Lewis
Jazz Band director

Eleni Andriandidis, a sophomore music major from Sweden, will be featured on "I Can't Get Started." Student soloists will include Kevin Carroll, director of bands at Joliet West High School, alto saxophone; Kerry Erb, tenor saxophone; Bill Aldridge and Mike McCoy, trombone; Jeff Bella and Bill Coleman, bass; Ron Sarver, guitar; Dusten Maves, drums; and Renny Moretti, piano.

The JJC Jazz Band is a community jazz band and is open to all residents of District 525. The group meets on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9:45 p.m. beginning January 15. The class may be taken for credit or non-credit. For further information, contact Jerry E. Lewis at extension 2232.

The concert is open to the public. Admission is $3 for adults, $2 for students and senior citizens, and $1 to all JJC faculty, students, and staff.

CD Reviews

Collection II

By Erica Gallagher

Today it's hard to tear away from the threshold of alternative music. If you really want an alternative to alternative, pick up the Misfits, 1995 Caroline Records release, Collection II. Although dark at times, the Misfits vocalist writes and produces on this album, compiling twenty tracks to create an audio masterpiece. The Misfits would remind you of an eighties version of Marilyn Manson or White Zombie, but the music itself entails punk resembling the simplicity of the Ramones. Collection II is a great compilation of music you'd most likely be deprived of by listening to the radio. If you think you may enjoy the Misfits' twist of horror and punk, ask for Collection II for Christmas and rock to it all year.

AEnima

By Dennis Neuzil

Almost four years since its last release, Tool has offered the public another great record with its latest album effort, AEnima. Tool Somehow manages to squeeze a million different emotions into its songs. On AEnima you can literally feel Maynard James Keenan such those emotions out of you with his melodic yet drill-sergeant-like voice.

Songs like "H" and "Forty Six & 2" are similar to riding a roller coaster: starting out slowly, building, then falling again. Every time Danny Carey hits a cymbal, you can feel a tingling in your spine. On AEnima, guitarist Adam Jones plays in a much broader style than on the past albums Undertow and Opiate, giving the songs on AEnima a little more structure. This structure is very noticeable on "Eulogy," another song that takes the listener for a ride.

The album AEnima does have a couple of down points. There are too many useless fills in between tracks. Babies crying, carnival organs and pointless babble waste too much space on the record. AEnima is about eighty minutes long, and there is plenty to explore in the music. The use of these space wasters is foolish.

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Fine Arts hosts area career day

The Fine Arts Department hosted its eighth biennial Fine Arts Career Day on Wednesday, November 20.

Art, home economics (fashion merchandising and interior design), music, speech, and theatre students and faculty from the area high schools and Joliet Junior College attended. The day's activities included guest speakers, panel discussions and workshops dealing with numerous career opportunities in the Fine Arts for the 21st Century.

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England's gift to the U.S.A.

By Erica Gallagher

In the late seventies, a ew movement among urban eenagers known as "Punk" as at its peak. Along with it ime music, clothing trends d new attitudes about life at usually turned off main-reim society. Revolutionary usic artists such as the *amones, New York Dolls, the lash, Siouxsie and the Banees, Patti Smith Group* and *hindie* made new music that hanged all the rules. The most verlooked band of that time as the high-energied *Sex Pisols*.

The *Sex Pistols'* reign as been shorter than Queen lizabeth's but nevertheless uch more exciting. This fah ur from England hasn't had ship an imprint on history as, ay, *The Beatles*. Of course, ne wouldn't have expected ohn Lydon to be writing oppy love lyrics like Paul McCartney; likewise, "*Anarhy in the U.K.*" was never a rom theme.

Pistols' lead vocalist, ohn Lydon (pseudonym: ohnny rotten), remembers he-ing like any other teenager in he seventies. He struggled tryng to find his role in life while ebelling as often as he could. t wasn't until he cut off his ' ong hair (long hair being ac-

Sex Pistols: 'Fat, forty, and back'

cepted at the time) and dyed it green that he got kicked out of the house by his father. Subsequently, he and his friends, with nothing better to do, began working on a band, then known only as *Sex*. The name intended to offend and shock people in hopes of getting public attention. No band in history had used that word in their name, so, of course, that was one of many firsts for the band. Later, they changed it to *Sex Pistols*, and again it was taken the wrong way, just as they wanted.

Lydon explains the band as "outcasts and unwanted; anger was our energy." When their career finally took off, many people were disappointed. As seen in the film, *Sid and Nancy*, the band got into confrontations with many people along the way. In Nashville, during their first U.S. Tour, they got into a brawl with angry audience members. However, a room full of middle-aged men from the southern states could hardly relate to English teenagers with political upsets.

Touring England wasn't easy either. The *Pistols'* attitude towards English politics sent a disturbing message to many English people. "God *Save the Queen*," the *Pistols* controversial hit single, was deeply despised by the country. It seemed disrespectful for anyone to insult The Queen of England by calling her a "moron" or by saying "she ain't no human being." The *Pistols* even went so far as renting The Queen Elizabeth river boat for a promotional gig. That night, they refused to get off board and got arrested, which upset things among England's mainstream even more. No longer could this generation of mad youth take it. For *Pistol* fans, that night, and forever after that, things had changed; they had been liberated through music and attitude. Finally... The *Sex Pistols*, a band of real people, who represented the generation that wasn't afraid to speak up. The English Punk Movement was not just about music and clothes; it was about real life. After the concert aboard the Queen Elizabeth, there were 200,000 copies of "God Save the Queen" sold.

Underpaid, underrated and disrespected, the phenomenal *Sex Pitols* ended in 1978. Egos got in the way, and believe it or not, internally, the band didn't exactly get along. Lydon began *Public Image Limited* (PIL). Sid Vicious, *Pistols'* bassist, was charged with his girlfriend, Nancy Spungen's, murder. Spungen had been stabbed in her and Vicious' hotel room. Vicious said, "I did it because I am a dirty dog." Both abused drugs, mostly heroin, and only seemed to find love and comfort in each other. Later, after her death, Vicious overdosed and died in his sleep. The bitter end had surfaced.

For a long time, the *Sex Pistols* have been correlated with Vicious and Spungen and their horrifying stories of drugs and fatal attraction. Sometimes Vicious is mistaken for lead singer Lydon, due to the publicity Vicious has gotten after his death. There is so much more to know about the band than the "Sid and Nancy" hit, it's a shame most people remain ignorant to it.

Twenty years later, there's some history repeating. Punk music is resurfacing, kids everywhere are dyeing their hair and ripping their blue jeans. The word "Punk" is buzzing around out there a lot. Bands like *Greenday, Rancid, Goldfinger* and *Degeneration* try to imitate the punk look and sound. The new image of punk seems clean and polished, worn almost like uniforms. The modern punk seems like an imposter who tries to bring the historic seventies era back.

Perhaps there is a lack of creativity in the nineties, the same lack that drove the *Pistols* generation to punk in the seventies. Lydon and the existing band have been touring this year and have a new live album out from the tour (*Filthy Lucre Live*). In July they played an amazing show at the Aragon Ballroom in Chicago. "Fat, forty and back" as Lydon said, doesn't mean they aren't as energetic and spirited as the were at twenty. Many hard-core fans have been waiting for this reunion a very long time. With all the hardships the band has experienced, their payoff will be the audience turnout during this tour. After all, these fine Englishmen have done us no wrong..

Horoscopes -- By Erica Coffey

Aries (March 21-April9) Don't get too caught up in the ommercialization of Christmas; remember that it's all about ove and spreading good cheer. amily and friends are touched y your inner warmth in the idst of the cold all around.

Taurus(April 20-May20) t's about time to wrap up the ear; hang in there for a fresh tart in January. Friendships eepen through shared experiences. Taking care of details can elp you to avoid trouble. Working a few extra hours will benfit you.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Make sure that you have at least ne day over Christmas break hat you don't have to think much; just relax and have a good ime. You deserve it. Try looking at the world through the eyes of a child.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) It's time to warm your heart by eminiscing with friends over a cup of hot chocolate. Enjoy the beauty of winter despite the cold. Spend some quality time with your love; let the deepness of your feelings show.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Remain strong; don't let people with bad intentions get through. Your friends look to you as a leader; try to stay on the right track. Do something special and exciting with your love. Listen to wise family members.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Be open to other people's perspectives. Put the past behind you and start out the new year with a clear conscience. Spending time with family over the holidays is good for you. Love is coming your way soon.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Get in tune with your spirituality. Bring some meaning into Christmas for yourself. Look for the light at the end of the tunnel and you will soon find it. Love is everywhere when you open your eyes and heart to it. Give away some extra smiles.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) Look over the past year and make sure that you have learned from your mistakes; then put them behind you for a new beginning. The ball is in your court. Everything can turn out okay. Your intentions are good.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Don't be afraid to speak your mind; your opinion is just as good as anyone else's; hang in there for the end of the semester. Be loyal to your love. Get in touch with a friend from the past. Tolerate family members as well as you can.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Don't hold things in. Talk to someone that you trust to ease your mind. Make your own reasons to be happy over the holidays. A brand new year with no mistakes in it yet is coming very soon. Put the past in the past.

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What does your service fee pay for?

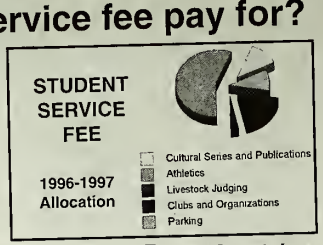
By Justin Marchert

Having recently registered for the spring semester, many students are wondering where their approximately $45 student service fee is going.

The student service fee, which is $3 per credit hour, has been stable for the past several years. It is expected to total $497,707 for this school year.

The 1996-1997 student services fee allocation gives the majority of it, 56.64%, to the athletics department. This is followed by the clubs and organizations which receive 18.57%.

Cultural series and publications, such as the Blazer, Wordcater, and choir and band activities, receive 11.67%. Parking requires 10.22%, and the livestock judging intercollegiate state competition receives 2.90%.



According to Dr. Joelyn Ainley, vice-president of student affairs, JJC's student service fee is "middle of the pack" compared to those of other two-year Illinois schools. However, this is difficult to compare accurately because many schools use different methods of categorizing service fees. For example, some schools charge a separate parking fee that is not included in the student service fee.

With such a large percentage of the fee going to the athletic department, students may wonder why the number of sports offered has continued to decline over years. Ainley explained that in 1986 the school board decided to drop several sports in order to put more funds into those remaining.

At that time the wrestling, track and field, and tennis teams were dropped, although the tennis team was restored after community protest.

However, lack of participation is also an evident cause for the athletic decline. Only two students went out for the women's tennis team this year, not enough to field a team.

Ainley further stated that part of the student service fee will also go toward the planned JJC student union. This project, located in the soon-to-be renovated D-mall, may include pool tables, table tennis, and other recreational activities.

STUDENT SERVICES FEE ALLOCATION 1996-1997

CATEGORY	DOLLARS
Cultural Series and Publications	$ 58,084.00
Athletics	$ 281,902.00
Livestock Judging	$ 14,421.00
Clubs and Organizations	$ 92,445.00
Parking	$ 50,855.00

JJC budget balances at $33.5 million

Joliet Junior College is proposing a $33.5 million balanced operating budget for fiscal year 1997. The operating budget, which calls for no deficit spending, is balanced for the 24th year in a row, according to projections presented to the JJC Board of Trustees by the administration.

The FY 1997 operating budget is $3.2 million higher than the previous year's budget. Almost $1.9 million of the increase will allow the college's Institution of Economic Technology to expand its work force training programs for business and industry and replace discontinued grant funding to carry on existing programs. More than $342,000 will pay for new technology, which will be funded by a $2 per credit hour technology fee. The budget increase also is attributed to higher costs for salaries and employee benefits. Nearly 73% of the college's operating budget is for salaries and benefits.

While funding from state credit-hour reimbursements is expected to increase by more than $81,000 in FY 1997 com

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AIMS matches you to job

Are you an employee looking for a job? Are you an employer looking for the right employee? The JJC Workforce Development Center might be able to make a match through its new AIMS, the Automated Industry Matching System, uses computers to find the right match for both employer and employees.

Using a database matching system, AIMS matches employees to employers, using employee's credentials and job preferences as criteria. Job hunters also can subscribe to the list, and individual computerized weekly job matches are sent directly to the subscriber's home.

The service includes businesses of all sizes and gives job seekers access to unadvertised job openings. Cost is $30 for 90 days, and a resume service is available upon request.

The system is available at the college's Main Campus, the City Center Campus, and the North Campus. For more information, contact Christina Carpanzano at 727-6544.

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The Internal Revenue Service wants you to be on the lookout for an extra present this holiday season. While you're home on holiday break, there's a good chance you will receive your TeleFile tax package.

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So remember, hold on to your TeleFile package.

Dr. Layman makes Who's Who listing

By Liz Vivanco

A distinction offered to only 20,000 people in the United States has been awarded to a professor in the Natural Science Department.

Dr. Dale Layman, professor of Medical Terminology and Human Anatomy and Physiology, will have his biography published in the first edition of Who's Who in Medicine and Healthcare. He was selected for his noteworthy achievements in the medical field. His accomplishments include such books as The Terminology of Anatomy and Physiology, The Medical Language: A Programmed Body Systems Approach, and a journal article called "Wellness Perspectives."

Layman also has a membership in both the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the Human Anatomy & Physiology Society. His hobbies include running, swimming, and reading motivational literature.

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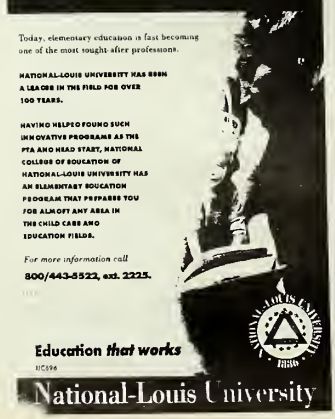

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It's beginning to look

Jim Ethridge, chairperson of the Agricultural / Horticultural Sciences Department, stands in a sea of pointsettias as he checks a gauge that regulates their growing conditions. Hundreds of beautiful plants are sold on campus each Christmas season by the horticultural students.

In addition to pointsettias, English ivy and other plants are sold at a location outside the main entrance to the Cafeteria.

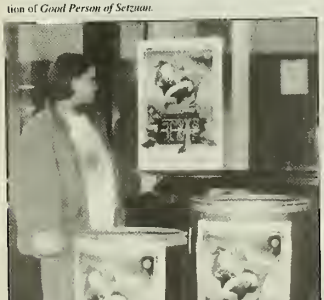
Through the years, JJC has developed its own Christmas traditions... pointsettias on sale by horticulture students, gingerbread houses on display, gift collections for the needy, and decorations everywhere, making the season bright for all of us.

Linette Davis, student from Bolingbrook, examines an ornament on the Christmas tree in the cafeteria, the first of many to go up around the campus.

a lot like Christmas

Allison Harris, student from Joliet, reads the information on the poster accompanying the Toys for Tots containers placed on campus each year by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. JJC students also contribute to a number of collections for the needy at Christmas through campus clubs and organizations.

Campus charitable giving started before Thanksgiving with the food collection for the needy sponsored by JJC Players at the production of *Good Person of Setzuan.*



Kristina Smith, student from Joliet, views one of the many intricately designed and imaginative gingerbread houses that culinary arts students display in the cafeteria. Each year the gingerbread house display draws hundreds of visitors to the campus. Culinary arts students are also busy baking and taking orders for the fruit cakes, cookies, and Christmas breads they sell each Christmas season. They also serve a holiday feast on campus.

Everywhere we go!

Deer, deer– – What can the matter be?

Donder and Blitzen are too prolific

Photo by Mary Chipman

Dr. William Zales, his kill, and checker Kit Morice.

By Cynthia Chubb

JJC's Grass Roots Club supplied trained workers for the Illinois Firearms Deer Check Stations during the hunting season that ended December 8.

Dr. Bill Zales conducted the two evening training sessions during which candidate workers were obliged to study a manual and watch a movie prior to final testing for acceptance.

The workers received $57/day from the State for manning the check stations from 8 to 8 during the seven-day hunting season November 22-24 and December 5-8.

According to Zales, "Illinois State laws require licensed hunters to fulfill a two-part obligation once they have shot and killed a deer. They must first stick the leg-tag-stub half on the leg of the killed deer. Then, they must bring the check-station-stub half, along with the deer, into the State Check Station, usually located in a state park in each county, for certification."

JJC workers were at the following check stations: Gebhard Woods State Park in Morris for Grundy County; Kankakee River State Park in Bourbonnais for Kankakee County; Silver Springs State Park in Plano for Kendall County; Buffalo Rock State Park in Ottawa for LaSalle County; and Des Plaines Game Farm in Wilmington for Will County.

Once the hunter presented a valid hunting permit, the worker attached a metal leg tag to the deer and documented the deer's sex and age. Then, he questioned the hunter to find out whether, during the hunt, he had sighted any bobcats, coyotes or turkeys (the 'feathered variety,' not the designer-wear hunters who confuse the 'innie' from the 'outie' end of the gun barrel).

At the culmination of this process, the hunter gets a small but significant pin that enables the wearer to brag about his adventures to his buddies with some form of verification.

Before the animal protection wing of JJC gets totally undone, let's interject a bit of editorial comment. It is true that deer are beautiful, gentle and do no intentional harm to mankind—Bambi's mom should not have been shot! However, there has to be a balance in all of nature. Unfortunately, man and his cars are now the main 'unnatural' enemy of deer since bear, wolves and cougar weren't good neighbors. Birth control doesn't work well in human society, and deer have even less inclination toward abstinence.

Starvation is a terrible way for deer to die. Both deer and hunters are carefully monitored. Good hunters respect the animals, do not inflict unnecessary pain, and use the meat in the same manner as the rest of us do with cows.

Now, as for environmentally-conscious, abstinent vegetarians you will just have to write your letters to the editor.

'Tis the Season at the Planetarium

By M.K. Mison

The Herbert Trackman Planetarium at JJC will present its holiday program "Tis the Season" throughout December. According to Christine McKittrick, Planetarium coordinator, these hour-long shows begin with the way "primitive people relied upon and honored the changing of the seasons in celebration of the light which brought life with the new season."

The program then compares present-day Christmas decorations with lights on the tree and house with the primitive civilizations honoring the light in respect to agriculture. The shows will be presented by Edward Eichelberger, Planetarium director.

Dates and times of the remaining showings are 6:30 p.m., Thursday, December 12; 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 17; and 6:30 p.m. Thursday, December 19. For more information, call 729-9020, Ext. 2115.

Tips for gifts

Use creativity, not cash

By Keri Murray

Okay-so you waited until the last minute to go Christmas shopping yet again this year and you're short on cash? Here are a few ideas to help save your sanity and your wallet. First, remember you are a student, and students are notorious for being broke. Anyone who knows you well enough to receive a present will be aware of this.

Smaller gifts from the heart are always appreciated by loved ones. For example, instead of spending a lot of money on an expensive present that you can't afford, try planning a romantic evening for your significant other. You can cook dinner (or order in) instead of going out to eat. This will save money, and you are also able to create your own environment with your favorite music and candlelight. And remember, it is probably not a good idea to turn on the TV unless, of course, you have taken the time to pick up your special someone's favorite movie.

When was the last time you *made* something for your mother? Remember how happy she used to get when you brought home little holiday crafts from grade school? Most mothers would be delighted to have something you took the time to make. Photo albums of you and your friends with humorous sayings under each picture would make a great gift for mom and dad (you may need to censor these)!

I hope these ideas will help you get through the holidays without too much hassle or debt.

Dr. Mattai will discuss religion and behavior

By Donielle Jackinowski

Baha Mattai, teacher of Sociology at JJC, will discuss "Religion and Social Behavior" at the next Brown Bag Lecture Series Wednesday, January 22, at noon in J-0006.

His hour lecture will focus on religion, including discussing the connection between religion and science, explaining why we have religion, and how much of an impact religion has on our lives. Mattai believes that if people had respect for other people's beliefs, the world would be better as a whole. He states, "The more we understand the religion of others, the less religiously ethno-centric our society will be."

Mattai, who has been teaching sociology for twenty years, went to school in England. He has taught at JJC for the past fifteen years.

Everyone is invited to the Brown Bag Lecture Series.

POLICE BLOTTER

October 28 - November 16, 1996

- **Theft under $300:** A VCR was reported stolen at the City Center Campus.
- **Theft under $300:** A theft of U. S. currency was reported stolen from the mens locker room.
- **Theft under $300:** A purse was reported stolen from a classroom in J-Building.
- **Theft under $300:** College text books were reported stolen from an office in J-Building.
- **Assist other agency:** An investigation of a suspicious vehicle revealed the driver was wanted on a warrant in another county. The subject was released after posting bond.
- **Disorderly conduct:** A female student reported being harassed by an unknown male in K-student parking lot.
- **Criminal damage to property:** Damage to a file cabinet in an office and desks in a classroom was investigated.
- **Criminal trespass:** A student ejected from a closed section of the buildings was referred for disciplinary action.
- **Disorderly conduct:** A female student reported being harassed by a male student. Investigation continues.
- **Theft under $300:** A theft of textbooks from the Bookstore was investigated.
- **Theft under $300:** A theft of personal property was investigated. The offender was referred for disciplinary action.

The police responded to six traffic accidents and four medical assists during this period

Mail Center has Christmas stamps

Christmas stamps are now available in the JJC Mail Center. This year's contemporary Christmas stamps are called "Family Scenes" and are a series of four designs. The series is available in individual stamps or self-adhesive booklets of 20 stamps for $6.50.

The traditional stamp—a madonna and child— is also available in individual stamps and self-adhesive booklets of 20.

Students see Hispanic shows

By Kyle Sing

"Every time there is a chance to expose my students to Hispanic culture, I want them to see it," said Spanish instructor Cris Trillo.

That is why he took 23 of his students to two Hispanic-culture shows in Palos Heights on Veteran's Day.

The first show seen by Trillo and his students was an Hispano-Americano and Spanish Dance and Song Festival. This show featured musicians and dancers performing Latin American dances such as the Mexican Jarabe Tapatio, the Colombian Cumbia, the Peruvian Valtez and others.

The second show, "The Spanish Nutcracker," which was a mixture of the original story and authentic Spanish folk dancing, used excerpts from Tchaikovsky's score plus additional Spanish music.

The purpose of both shows is to provide an insight into the moods, reactions, traditions and spirit of the unique people of Spain and Latin America.

Photos by Stephen Hicks

Members of the Living Historians of the Civil War club displayed rifles and other memorabilia from the Civil War on the bridge November 11. Reporter Keri Murray takes notes on the event.

Below: Living Historians, wearing their Civil War uniforms, march away from their ceremony honoring all veterans who have died serving our country.

Intervarsity Fellowship gives to others

The JJC chapter of the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship has collected clothing for the oppressed people in Lithuania, served dinner at Morningstar Mission in Joliet and sponsored a "Diaper Drive" for the Crisis Pregnancy Center during the past few months.

"The joy of knowing that the King was born in a Bethlehem stable many years ago is celebrated by our groups throughout the year but especially during the Advent Season," says Jan Coleman, co-sponsor of the club. "As a reflection of God's love for us, our hope is shared in giving to others."

The club members participate in small group Bible studies as well as a large group meeting each Wednesday.

Parapsychology to review past lives

Jim Felbinger, a member of the JJC Parapsychology Club, will present the program on "Past Lives" to the club at its meeting Friday, December 20. Having a member present the Christmas program is a tradition with the club.

"Research into past lives is a passion with Jim," said a spokesman for the club. In his talk he will demonstrate how past lives integrate with this life by asking the questions, "Who me?", "Why now?", "Why here?" He will also cover karma recognition, what it is and how to handle the developmental progress toward perfection. His presentation will include a brief history and a regression to see whether those attending can bring up their own past lives.

Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting, which starts at 7 p.m. in D-2001.

Native American Club meeting

The Native American Club is meeting tonight at 6:30 in the TV Studio, J-3011. Discussion of the Pow Wow is on the agenda. A guest lecturer will speak at 7 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

Phi Theta Kappans win award at regional

Two JJC students won second place for the quilt design they submitted at the fall regional Phi Theta Kappa conference at the College of DuPage. The entry was in keeping with the conference theme of AIDS awareness.

A group of JJC Phi Theta Kappa members attended the conference with club co-sponsor Patricia Asher, English / Foreign Language Department chair.

TV 10 Club to film JJC

JJC is in the spotlight now that the TV 10 Club is starting production of a monthly show that will air on the local cable access channels. This production is a news magazine format, focusing on the people, places, and things that make JJC the institution that it is.

Tapings for this show will take place in the everyday settings of JJC during business hours. Don't be surprised to see the club in your area soon. They're spending 5 to 10 minutes in each area to ask questions and gather information for the program. Look for upcoming shows soon on your local cable access channels!

Anyone with questions or an interest in having an area featured may contact Mark Ligda, TV 10 Club advisor, Ext. 6649, or Brian Bessler, club president.

Kappa Delta sends news on Internet

JJC is one of the first one-hundred schools to go on-line with Kappa Delta Pi, the international honor society in education dedicated to scholarship and excellence in education.

Founded in 1911, the society has a long history of openness to both genders, different races, ethnic backgrounds, the physically challenged, all age groups, and a wide variety of intellectual ideas.

JJC students can access its wealth of information through the Internet. Typical of the offerings in the large storehouse of information are the "Beginning to Teach" series, which includes breaking down the walls of teacher isolation and tips to beginning teachers on how to "stay afloat" in the classroom, and the "What Research Tells Us Series."

Those interested in more information about Kappa Delta Pi and in reaching the organization on the internet may contact JJC faculty member Dr. Jacqueline Solfronk. In addition to being currently on-line with Kappa Delta Pi, Solfronk has the distinction of being a member of Alpha chapter of the organization founded at the University of Illinois at Urbana.

Dance Club will attend Willowbrook

The Dance Club will celebrate Christmas with a trip to Willowbrook Ballroom to dance to the live music of a "big band." The outing will take place from 2 to 5:30 Sunday afternoon, December 8, with club members meeting at the ballroom in Willow Springs.

Tango specialist Joan Ernst gave the demonstration at the November 21 meeting of the club in the JJC Cafeteria. A former Arthur Murray dance instructor with 30 years of experience, Ernst also lead the group in learning and practicing the steamy, sultry dance steps.

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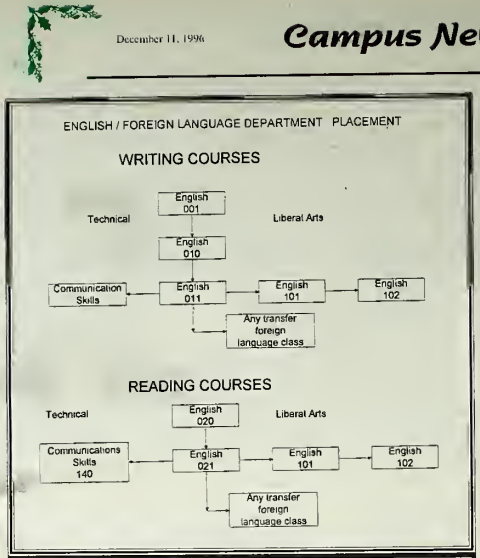

Letters to the Editor

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sorbed—you know, partial-birth and then destruction of the unborn child before the head is born— is a medical necessity for the mother. It certainly can't be a necessity for the baby. So I am opposed to... partial birth abortions."

And if that isn't enough to show that this type of abortion is unnecessary, here is what a proponent of the technique had to say. Dr. Martin Haskell, O.B. Gyn who has performed thousands of partial-birth abortions, told The American Medical News that "Eighty percent of these deaths are purely elective by the mother." What "purely elective" means is that there is no medical reason for the abortion, such as the mother's life being in danger.

Now, maybe those of you reading this can take the lies and deceit that this administration has spun, and maybe you can accept the fact that the middle class is being taxed out of existence, but can you really accept the fact that this administration has made the murder of innocent children all right? For the sake of our nation's soul, I hope not.

Remember, eighty percent of the partial-birth abortions are done on healthy mothers and babies, yet the President states that very few are done in this manner. Twenty-five hundred have been performed in New Jersey alone; how many are done nationwide? It's simple math: 2,500 abortions x 50 states = 125,000 partial-birth abortions nationwide!

When the history of the rise and fall of our nation is finally written, it may well be recorded that the single event which signaled the beginning of the end was the countenancing of mass infanticide by the president of the United States and the subsequent failure of the people to rise up in righteous anger.

Kyle Sing

Dear Editor Steve,

You wanted feedback, so here it is.

Have you ever noticed the ample seating inside the school for students to socialize throughout the school. There is one major problem with this; you can't smoke inside. Smoking is allowed outside only. That is fine, but why can't we have a place to sit down and socialize and smoke? I'm not asking for a lot, just a few benches outside the main entrances, perhaps in the courtyard between buildings A and B, or outside the T building.

The J-Building has benches outside, but only if you walk halfway down the ramp and stand out in the rain or snow. Give us smokers a break. Allow us a place, with easy access, to sit and talk and enjoy a smoke. The outside balcony between building A and B is a joke; there isn't an easy way to get to this balcony. Just a few benches, that is all I want; we ought to be able to afford it since we can afford new signs that distract traffic.

Sincerely, a smoker that has her rights abused.

Jackie Keener-Shook

Note to Name Withheld by Request: You wrote an interesting letter that the Blazer staff would like to print. We honor requests to withhold names but cannot publish anonymous letters. Send us signed copy (or come in and sign the original) and we will gladly publish your letter with your name withheld.

More auditions for *Brigadoon*

Additional audition times have been scheduled for the Joliet Junior College's production of Brigadoon for January 14 from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the JJC Theatre. On January 15 auditions will be held from 4-6 p.m. The emphasis at these times will be on those who wish a non-singing, non-dancing role although all may be asked to be in the chorus, said Dr. Rosaline Stone of the theatre faculty. Production dates for Brigadoon begin February 28 and continue for two weekends.

Those interested in principal singing and dancing roles should audition at the previously announced dates: December 11 from 4-6 and 7-9 p.m. and on December 12 from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Be prepared to sing a show song, and if a dancer, be prepared with a short dance routine. Bring a tape or sheet music; an accompanist may be available, says Stone.

Class sells jewelry

The jewelry class in the Fine arts Department sponsored a handcrafted jewelry sale on the Bridge December 4 and 5. Among the items for sale were earrings, pins, pendants, rings and bracelets. Each piece of jewelry was made from either gold, silver, copper, brass, semi-precious stones, or glass.

Certain students now must take English 021

The English/Foreign Language Department has instituted curriculum changes beginning with the 1997 fall term, particularly in the area of reading, according to Pat Asher, department chairperson.

Although there are no changes in writing courses, a new course in developmental reading, English 021, is a required course for students who have completed English 020 or for students whose COMPASS or ASSET scores require them to enroll in 021. If students are placed into English 020 by either the COMPASS or ASSET test, Asher explains, they are then required to enroll in English 021 before enrolling in English 101 or any transfer foreign language class.

If a student intends to enroll in English 101 in the fall of 1997 and if the student is required to complete English 020 and/or 021, the student must complete these sequential courses in the spring of 1997 and during Summer Sessions I and II. As is the case with writing classes, students in reading classes are required to earn a "C" or better before progressing to the next course. The adjacent flow chart should help direct students to their appropriate classes.

The flow chart will take effect in the 1997 fall academic term, Asher notes. These changes have been approved by the Curriculum Committee.

JJC Budget--

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pared to last year, it remains $177,000 below the level of state funding received by JJC in FY 1990.

The budget does not include an increase in the basic operating tax rate of the college. JJC's tax rate remains about three cents below the state average. The college has not asked taxpayers to approve a tax rate increase since 1977.

The proposed budget will be on file at libraries throughout the JJC district. Before final adoption of the proposed budget, a public hearing will be held during the Board's September 23 meeting.

CD Review--

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Every song on AEnima takes you on a short journey. Virtually every song starts out relaxing and peaceful, then just explodes, turning ugly. Tool's AEnima is definitely worth the fifteen bucks. But what am I talking about? I taped it from a buddy of mine.

Horoscopes--

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Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Frustration leads to unclear thinking. Talk your problems out or write them down; then set them aside and the solutions will come when you aren't even looking. Go out with friends and do something exciting.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) Free your mind; get rid of all the clutter accumulated in the last year and start over. Don't lose your dreams. Believe in yourself and you can do anything. Give respect to deserving family members.

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Behind the scenes

These two keep JJC sports moving

Dave Parker is JJC's Sports Information Director.

Parker sees purple

By Mark Gregory

With every beat of his heart, Dave Parker has purple running through his veins.

Not the biological purple color that blood is while in the body, but the purple of the JJC Wolves. Dave's JJC history began many years ago when his father, Ken Parker, held the position of athletic director at JJC. Dave himself graduated from JJC. Then, in 1989, Dave Parker's ties with JJC came full circle. While working for the Joliet Herald News, Dave received a phone call from then Athletic Director Joe Redmond. In this conversation, Dave was offered a new position at JJC, the position of Sports Information Director. The rest, as they say, is history. Dave Parker accepted the position and is now in his eighth year here.

Keeping his position at the Herald News, Dave loves both jobs. He says the two jobs go well together. His duties as Sports Information Director include writing press releases for JJC sports events, calculating stats for most sports, writing the JJC Sports Media Guide, and writing feature stories on JJC athletes for their hometown papers.

Dave says he really enjoys working with all the coaches and staff at JJC; outside of the Athletic Department, Dave works with Steve Daggers and Roderick Harris in Community Relations, and in Media Relations he works with Director Fred Harris and head photographer Mike D'Brien. Inside the Athletic Department, Dave finds Athletic Director Wayne King a joy to work with. He adds that Coach King runs a great department. Another helpful person for Dave is Athletic Department Secretary Marilyn Nemanich.

A Purple Heart is awarded to a member of the military who is injured in battle. Although Dave Parker does not dodge bullets and hand grenades every day at work, his dedication, commitment and love of the Wolves has earned him Joliet Junior College's Purple Heart.

Nemanich does everything but coach

By Carla Swinke and Lionel Paramo

Someone once said, "A company is only as good as its secretary." Marilyn Nemanich, Athletic Department secretary, could be a main reason the JJC Athletic Department runs so smoothly.

Nemanich has been the Athletic Department Secretary for the past five years. She coordinates all the work connected with the coaches of the intercollegiate sports and works with physical education. Her job also includes recruiting (clerical wise), scheduling officials, making sure contracts are correct, getting the teams on the floor at the right place and time, and paying all the officials. Nemanich seems to be involved in almost every aspect of intercollegiate sports except coaching.

"Marilyn truly enjoys and loves her job working with the coaches and athletes," said Wayne King, athletic director. "She is willing to come in and do things. She has a genuine concern for the coaches and goes out of her way for them."

"This is what I want to do," says Nemanich. "I like being around athletes. I like being around coaches.

Any dislikes about her job? "Well, I wish I had more time on the golf course," she jokingly admits. Overall, she wouldn't have her job any other way. One regret she has is not getting to know the athletes very well. Since athletes at JJC play for only a couple of seasons, they move on before Nemanich gets to know them.

"She cares a lot. She cares about the athletes and the athletic department. She has such a great attitude," said Coach John Rossetti.

Does she see herself retiring any time soon? "I will work until I feel I want to retire. I'm certainly not going any place else. I enjoy coming to work. We work hard, but I wouldn't have it any other way."

Marilyn Nemanich, Athletic Department secretary, confers with *football player Anta Juan Hayes.*

Her Mom inspired Jaime Foxworth

By Jermaine Coleman

In the world of sports, college athletes are usually inspired by pro athletes or other great players around the league. At JJC there is one athlete who was not inspired to play volleyball by another pro athlete. She gives all the credit to her mother, who once played volleyball in high school but now coaches at Dirksen Junior High.

Meet Jaime Foxworth. She is a twenty-year-old freshman with four years of experience as an outside hitter at Joliet West High School.

A goal of the Lady Wolves was to win more games than last year. They have done that.

When I was able to catch up with this busy young lady, I asked how she felt about this year's volleyball team. She replied, "Even though we are a young team, I feel that we have the ability to play or beat every

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Women's basketball

Inside Wolves basketball

By Roy Herman

The women's squad has struggled early, but hopefully can get things turned around. Some key players to the team thus far have been freshman Lisa Kula and sophomore Kisha Barefield. Kula is averaging double figures in points and has been dominating in each game so far. In the first game of the year, Kula had a double-double and led the team with 15 points. Kula is just a freshman and has done some big things so far and has a bright future ahead. Barefield is a returning leader and is also averaging in double figures for points. Barefield had a big second game of the year against Waubonsee with a team high 18 points.

In the first part of the year the team has struggled with its shooting and lay ups. On the team's shooting Coach Tim Johnson said on one of his game summary reports, the team needs to relax and just shoot the ball. One of the positive things on the team has been its rebounding. Coach Johnson has put down on all of his game summary sheets that one of the positives is rebounding. As the year goes on, Coach Johnson thinks the team will jell better and thinks its already happening. The coach also thinks the team is improving with each game played

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JJC SPORTS NOTES

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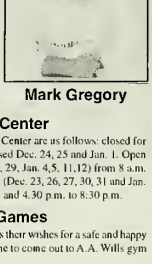
Sports writer to fill some mighty big shoes left by Mark Gregory. It is a sad time in the *Blazer* sports department. Mark will leave after this semester and head to Northern Illinois University to major in communications. He wrote the Worm Hole, Wacky World of Sports and many fine feature stories. Goodbye and good luck, Mark. We will miss you.



Mark Gregory

Fitness Center

Holiday hours for the Fitness Center are as follows: closed for cleaning Dec. 19 thru Dec. 21. Closed Dec. 24, 25 and Jan. 1. Open Saturday and Sundays (Dec. 22, 28, 29, Jan. 4,5, 11,12) from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Monday through Friday (Dec. 23, 26, 27, 30, 31 and Jan. 2, 3, 6-10) from 5:30 a.m. to 8 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Home Games

The Athletic Department sends their wishes for a safe and happy holiday season. They invite everyone to come out to A.A. Wills gym for some exciting basketball.

Men's:

Sat. Dec. 14, 7:30 Oakton C.C.
Tues. Dec. 17, 7:30 Indian Hills
Tues. Jan. 14, 7:00 Harper College

Women's:

Tues. Jan. 14, 5:00 Harper College

Wacky World of Sports

By Mark Gregory

Dome Sweet Dome— From Golden Dome to Metradome. Those are the reports coming out of South Bend this past week. Lou Holtz, head football coach for the University of Notre Dame, has resigned as head coach. He is expected to take his many years of experience to the Minnesota Vikings. Reasons for Holtz's sudden interest in the NFL are uncertain. Holtz has never coached a NFL franchise. Well, he was with the Jets, but you fill in the punch line.

The Big 5?— If Holtz does jet for the NFL, the leading choice for Notre Dame is Northwestern head coach Gary Barnett. If Barnett does leave the Wildcats, there would be five coaching vacancies in the Big 10 (which actually has 11 teams). Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota and Purdue will have new coaches next season.

For Whom the Belle Tolls— It tolls for thee. In this case, "Thee" is the Chicago White Sox and the Belle is former Cleveland Indians slugger Albert Belle. Belle signed a five-year, 52.5 million dollar contract to toll his bat in the windy city. Funny how life comes full circle. A few short years ago the White Sox caught Belle using a corked bat, and now Belle plans to uncork his homeruns at Comiskey Park on a regular basis. The main question is, "How will Belle's attitude be handled in Chicago?" Need I remind you—Blackhawks signed Bob Probert, Bulls; Dennis Rodman, Bears, Bryan Cox, the Cubs—ok, some teams like the "nice guys finish last" tag. As long as Belle helps the team win, he will be embraced by the "city with the big shoulders."

Jaime Foxworth--

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team we have met, but we have mental lapses or breakdowns late in the game. Overall I feel that we have a great team, both ability and personality wise."

She also believes, "We're a much better and more consistent team than the teams of previous years in terms of getting along."

Speaking of a couple of years ago, one of Jaime's great moments came during a high school game, when she scored three straight points to claim a victory.

Jaime's goal is to attend either the University of Illinois or Michigan, not necessarily to play volleyball but to further her education in biology.

Although she devotes a lot of her time to her sports, Jaime also has hobbies. Among these are that she likes to read, listen to music, and talk on the phone.

Football Fans. Alphonse Mbanibi-Ngoma, Mark Parker, Loren Boyce, and Fred Baillif break the JJC stereotype. They attend games.

Go to one; you might be surprised

Give JJC sports events a try

By Betha Cramer and Jermaine Coleman

It is amazing to go to a JJC sport event and see a handful of fans there. Over 11,000 students attend JJC, so why are there so few at the sports events?

JJC has quality athletes that play in the very competitive N4C Conference. Basketball and volleyball are played on the main campus in the A.A. Wills Gym. Football is played at Joliet Memorial Stadium. Tennis, baseball and softball are also played on the main campus.

Everyone complains there is nothing to do in the Joliet area. The skyrocketing price of going to the show is getting way too high for the money-strapped student, so why not a JJC basketball or football game?

It is free. All you need is the current semester student I.D.. Bring a date; admission is much less than going to the show and there is plenty of free parking.

We asked students why they don't attend. Terry Walker said, "What games?" Lisa Levy added, "We have sports?" Some students did not even know purple was the school color or the school mascot was a wolf. Work was another factor that keeps students from attending.

Five out of 32 students asked said they had not attended any sports events. Sarah McNabb said, "Sports aren't my thing." Dwayne Hakey commented, "People have better things to do." Hakey admitted he had attended some football games the previous year. Jason Crockett responded, "Baseball every once in a while."

Lori, a part-time student, explained, "I don't know when they are." She felt being part-time she was not in the know of what went on. Jill Fiocca and Sara Vanderhet added they did not know anyone who played or when the games were played.

Next time you have nothing to do, check the athletic schedules for a JJC game. Give it a try; you might be surprised.

Men's team

Inside Wolves basketball

By Roy Herman

This squad so far has been led by Michael Mines, a sophomore guard averaging 23 points a game, Jermaine Coleman, a freshman forward averaging 12.7 points and 8.7 rebounds per game, and Dwayne Edmon, another freshman forward averaging double figures in points with 11.5 and 8.7 assists per game.

When Coach Martin was questioned about these players, the coach said Mines is giving the leadership that is expected and scoring big points. Jermaine Coleman is coming into his own, scoring good in some games but has been struggling with his shooting. He (Coleman) is only a freshman and as he matures the team will get more out of him. Dwayne Edmon is a true point guard and is described by Martin as a player the team really needs. "He can distribute the ball and score when needed."

The team is off to a slow start but Coach Martin hopes everyone stays patient and loyal. When asked if the team is jelling, the coach responded, "not at all, but we have a lot of freshman and they are learning the intensity it takes to play at." The coach spoke about a game played at Waukonsee and responded, "It was the worst basketball I've seen played at any level."At half time we had a heart-to-heart talk and came out in the second half and played seven minutes like a team that is as good as any team in the nation, having scored the first 21 points of 24 in the second half and forced 19 steals and 27 turnovers." The coach added that if the team can play at that level of intensity and with that juice every time out, the team will be real good.

Some other issues the coach touched on was how he addresses the team in practices and games. He responded, "Basketball is a war and only the strong survive, not only physically wise but also mentally and emotionally. Winning and losing are contagious, and these kids feed off of my intensity. I have to set the example." Also the tough schedule the coach talked about in the last edition will continue to stay tough. Asked if the toughest part is over, the coach said that it stays tough all year but that the team has to deal with it.

Lastly, the coach said the team is developing friendships and that the team went to ex-Celtics great Larry Bird's restaurant and had a good time. "We saw a lot of memorabilia and want to keep doing some fun things." On the coach's expectations for the year, the coach responded, "On the N4C championship I really don't care; it means nothing to me. It's the regional championship that we really want. It all depends on who gets hot and that is why this struggling in the beginning doesn't bother me. I feel stress but I know that we can play better and get this turned around.

Women's team--

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The team seems to get along well, and sophomore Ann Matsko had this to say about her team, "We're all best friends and are really close. I think that is one big advantage this team has." Good luck, ladies, and keep playing hard.